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# Divorce for the Yorks today

# Duchess to lose HRH style under £2 million settlement

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AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Duke and Duchess of York will today be granted a "quickie" divorce to end their ten-year marriage, it was an-nounced last night.

The couple's case will be heard in the Family Division of the High Court at Somerset House, London, this morning. A decree absolute is expected to dissolve the marriage finally by the end of May.

In a statement issued jointly through their solicitors the couple said that the decision to divorce was a personal one, and for the sake of their children, which both regarded as of paramount importance. No further statements would be made and no further information provided.

The statement added that the couple's two children, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, would continue to live with the Duchess, although both parents would participate fully in their upbringing. It also said that the Duchess would continue to be known as the Duchess of York but would drop the appellation Her Royal Highness bestowed on her by the Queen at

the time of her marriage. Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson married in the full glare of television coverage in Westminster Abbey in July 1986. They announced their eparation in March 1992, and have since lived apart, although they have occasionally been seen together at events involving their children.

Downing Street last night said that the Prime Minister had been kept fully informed of the divorce plans. Officials said that there would be no further comment from John Major's office, as there were no constitutional implications. The Duke is fourth in line of succession to the throne, and his children fifth and sixth.

derstood to have been brought forward when it was learned that The Daily Mail was about to break the story. Palace officials said private-



Prince Andrew will take part in bringing up the children

brates her 70th birthday on Sunday, had been anxious for some time that the failed marriages of her two elder sons should be brought to a quick and tidy conclusion but

they stressed that the monarch had not written to the Duke and Duchess, as she had done to the Prince and Princess of Wales, and had not applied pressure on them in any other way. She had been kept fully informed and was saddened by the decision.

The Palace said that the Duke and Duchess remained close friends. They refused to discuss any financial arrangements accompanying the divorce, which they said were entirely a personal matter.

. It emerged last night, however, that the Duchess is expected to receive a relatively modest settlement of £2 million, primarily intended to care for the couple's two children. Of the total, £1.4 million is to be invested in a trust for the children, leaving little more than £500,000 for the Duchess to maintain her lifestyle and to wrestle with

her debts. The deal is said to have been worked out at the

time of the separation. When the announcement was made yesterday the Duchess, aged 36, was in the middle of a week's skiing holiday with her children, Beatrice, 7, and Eugenie, 6, in Verbier, Switzerland. The Duke, who is 36

and a full-time Royal Navy officer, was at Buckingham Palace. They were last seen in public together ten days ago when they left their home at Sumninghill, near Windsor Castle, to help round up polo ponies which had escaped during a fire.

Although the decision to divorce is officially said to have been taken jointly, the indications are that the prime mover was the Duchess. It is known that she has favoured such a step for some time, while the Duke has been reluctant to take the initiative, hoping that some reconciliation might be possible. The sudden move is seen as a bold and decisive step by the Duchess to cut her losses, given recent adverse publicity over her debts, said to be £3

adverse publicity.

Later this week the Duke is to part part in a lengthy naval exercise. The Duchess is scheduled to make her next public appearance in Leeds next week, at the launch of a drugs education programme.

Last night Dr David Hope, Archbishop of York, said he was praying for the couple. "I am aware that such decisions are never made easily or without careful consideration." Lord St John of Fawsley said: "I hope that stories about the Yorks will disappear from the headlines now, but my hopes are greater than my expectations."

behalf of the Duke and Duch-

The Duke and Duchess of York today announced through their respective solicitors, Henry Boyd-Carpenter of Messrs Farrer & Co and Douglas Alexiou of Messrs Gordon Dadds, that they have agreed, after more than two years' separation, that their marriage should formally be ended. Accordingly the necessary legal proceedings are under way and it is anticipated that the Decree Absolute will be made at the end of

and Duchess is a personal one, and theirs alone. Her Royal Highness The Duchess of York has chosen not to use the style 'Her Royal Highness' and will continue to be The Duchess of York.

"At the express wish of The Duke and Duchess and in the interests of their children. which they regard as of paramount importance, no further statement will be made or information provided. Consistent with the statement made by the Buckingham Palace Press Office on 28 June 1993 the children will continue to live with The Duchess, and both parents will participate fully in their upbringing."

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The Duchess with Princesses Beatrice (left) and Eugenie are on a skiing holiday in Verbier, Switzerland

# One minute to end a marriage

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York will effectively end today without pomp or ceremony at the divorce registry in London.

The petition, lodged by the Duke, is the last in a list of 29 quickie" divorce matters to be rubber-stamped by the Senior District judge, Gerald Angel, in Court One at Somerset

The grounds cited for the dívorce a fast-track procedure which will be scrapped by the Government's current divorce reforms — is that he and the Duchess have lived apart for two years. If either

had not consented to the divorce, then they would have had to wait five years.

The hearing, scheduled for 10.30, is likely to last less than a minute, even though lawvers can be present. The names of all the parties on the list will be read and, barring any objections, decrees nisi will be granted "en bloc". Within six weeks the final decree, or decree absolute, will follow in the post. Both are then free to

remarry. Because all the paperwork has been signed and sealed behind the scenes, the marriage will end, along with the others ranging alphabetically from Mr and Mrs Agyapong to Mr and Mrs Sacker, with a minimum of ceremony.

The days in which couples appeared in court amid public recriminations were effectively ended when the "quickie" procedure was introduced more than 20 years ago Under the Government's

reforms, couples will have to wait at least one year before they can divorce and they will have had to reach agreement on children and finances, which is often not the case at present, before being granted what will be a divorce order.



### Shares record

Shares rose to a record level for the second day in a row, with the FTSE 100 index closing 34.8 points higher at \_\_Pages 25, 28 and 30



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BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government put itself in conflict with Brussels again resterday as it announced a legal challenge to the European Union's worldwide ban on the export of British beef and a £1 billion package of measures to help the industry.

It confirmed compensation for the destruction of up to a million older cattle a year to prevent their coming into the food chain and said that it was looking at the selective slaughter of animals considered most at risk from "mad cow" dis-

Commission President, re-

John Major told MPs that action would be taken in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg to end "this totally unjustified ban". to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, President Chirac

At the same time, he wrote of France, Lamberto Dini, the

ease. But it ruled out the mass

slaughter of herds as it strives

to eradicate BSE and restore

Heralding the most serious

court confrontation yet be-tween Brussels and London.

consumer confidence.

Italian Prime Minister, and Jacques Santer, the European

newing his demand for the ban to be lifted as soon as possible.

The Cabinet decided to launch the court challenge yesterday against the background of increasing evidence, particularly in the Stafford-shire South East by-election, that its handling of the crisis has further damaged its standing with the public.

Ministers favouring a challenge, notably Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Tony Newton, the Commons leader. had been strengthened in their case by the recent admissions by Franz Fischler, the EU Agriculture Commissioner. and Mr Santer that they were. bappy to eat British beef. The move comes as British beef consumption has returned to about 85 per cent of pre-crisis

The ban is being contested on the ground that it goes against scientific evidence. Mr Major told cheering Conser-vative MPs: "The export ban on British beef imposed by the Community is more motivated by the interests of other countries' own beef markets than it is about public health."

Under the compensation package announced later by Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, farmers will receive about £500 an animal for the destruction of cattle slaughtered at the age of 30 months or more. The scheme. 70 per cent funded by the EU, cost about £550 million and come into effect on April 29. The Government will pay

for slaughter and destruction. He also announced, among other measures: a top-up scheme worth about £80 million to compensate farmers with older beef cattle whose market value is above £500

and a EllO million scheme to help the slaughtering industry which has unsold meat worth £132 million. threatening widespread company failures unless action is taken.

The minister also promised urgent work on a scheme to exempt specialist, BSE-free beef herds from the 30-month rule. He said the case for exempting such animals. which often do not mature until after 30 months, was strong.

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### Protest over Cyprus killing

The parents of Louise Jensen. the Danish tour guide who was killed in Cyprus by three drunken British rillemen, have protested to the Prime Minister over the Army's failure to offer them compensation or an apology ..... Page 6

### Secret base

Russia has secretly built a vast underground military complex in the southern Ural Mountains, the Clinton Administration said. The complex covers an area the size of Washington and is served by its own railway ..... Page 13

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# £1.4m for girls as mother tries to balance the books

THE royal divorce will ease the Duches's of York's financial crisis. which stems from her inability to restrain her lifestyle. A £2 million settlement, negotiated on the separation four years ago, is likely to form part of the divorce package, but the Duchess's debts of some £3 million will not be met by the Queen.

The Royal Family's main concern is to secure the financial future of Princesses Beatrice, and Eugenie by placing money in trust, primarily for their education: £1.4 million is to be placed in trust for the princesses, from which 2600,000 has been earmarked for a house they will eventually own. The Duchess will receive about £500,000 and the rest will be invested to provide a cash income to look

after the young princesses.
Palace officials made it clear vesterday that the Duchess's personal finances were her own affair. Despite her best efforts to make a fortune from her children's books, the Duchess's fundamental problem is that her spending continues to far exceed her income. A love of expensive foreign holidays is matched only by excessive domestic costs: the wages bill for a

March 1986: engagement of

Prince Andrew to Sarah

July 1986: wedding: Prince Andrew and Sarah Fergu-

son, both 26, become the

Duke and Duchess of York.

October 1986: First reports

of marriage strain due to

Duke's absences from

home on a helicopter in-

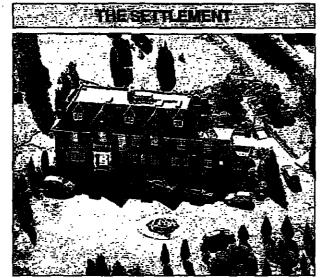
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March 1990: Daughter Eu-

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Kingsbourne: the home rented for £72,000 a year

string of servants at the Duchess's rented home, Kingsbourne, in Wentworth, Surrey, is some £32,000 a month while the eight-bedroom house itself costs £72,000

Sunninghill Park, the Berkshire mansion which the Queen built for the couple as a wedding present, is occupied occasionally by the Duke. The Duchess and Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie are regular weekend visitors. The Queen's

CHRONOLOGY

May 1990: Texan oilman

Steve Wyatt flies Duchess

and Beatrice to Morocco

January 1992: Discovery of

intimate photographs of Duchess and Mr Wyatt in

March 1992: Palace an-

nounces official separation.

May 1992: Duchess moves

out of Sunninghill Park to

six-bedroom house on

Wentworth estate in Surrey.

August 20, 1992: Britain

scandalised by Italian pa-

parazzo's photographs of John Bryan kissing the

for a holiday.

displeasure at the Duchess's reckless attitude to money was made clear earlier this year when Buckingham Palace took the unusual step of announcing that the Oueen was no longer prepared financially to support her wayward daughter-in-law.

The Duchess's ability to shop is legendary. On a recent trip to New York, she is said to have spent £3,000 on 20 pairs of shoes during a half hour shopping spree. Only the best

topless Duchess's toes.

March 1993: Duchess tells

Harpers and Queen: "I

so I can get on with my life

and stop being blamed for

December 1994: Possibilit

of divorce raised by the

Duchess at charity party.

December 13, 1994: She

admits to taking Aids trasts.

January 1996: Reports; that the Duchess owes £' 3 mil-

lion. The Queen say s that she will not bail, her out.

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will do for the Duchess, who flies on Concorde and buys first-class seats for her entourage. She is the only member of the royal family voluntarily to pay the full fare: others expect to be upgraded from Business Class. When she Duchess stays in New York, it is always at the Carlyle Hotel, where suites cost up to £1,000)

An appearance in last month's Helio! magazine, which shot a series of photographs in Paris, may have earned a few thousand pounds but was widely criticised as cashing in on her status. She hoped to make a fortu ne from her Budgie the Little Helicopter books. A recent d eal with a New York publisher to exploit two new children's characters one is a globe-t\_rotting little princess) has yet to bear financial fruit.

Similarly, a deal with Ray Chambers, a 'New Jersey millionaire, is vet to prove the financial cure-all which the Duchess hand hoped for. It has been forec ast that Sleepy Kids, the comp any which owns the worldwir je TV and merchandising rights for Budgie, would earn about £800,000 in the United States this year. The Duchess is unlikely to receive more than 20 per cent ~ 3. yearly income of £160,000

at the most. The Duke, whose civil list ayment of £249,000 is refunded to the Treasury by the Queen, earns £30,544 as a Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Navy. Up to 80 per cent of his civil list income goes on staff costs, but he has been making a handsome financial contribution to his daughters.

The Duchess is negotiating with Tri Star pictures for an option on her story Heather Blaze, about the adventures of two mares with parallel but

There is talk of a Hollywood film on the life of the young Oueen Victoria, based on two historical works written by the



The exuberant Duchess has been unable to shake off criticism of her love of shopping and expensive holidays

# Falklands veteran who has tried to keep his head down

By Carol Midgley

WHILE his wife has loomed ever larger in tabloid head-lines, the Duke of York has had a low profile since their official separation in 1992.

The Queen's favourite son. once one of the most extrovert and photogenic of the royals, who fought for his country in the Falklands War, now cuts a solitary figure whose life revolves around his two daughters, his Royal Navy career and golf.

His weeks are split between his base, HMS Osprey on Portland, Dorset, where he is a senior pilot, his former marital home at Sunninghill, near Windsor, and a variety of golf courses.

Although he still carries out relatively few and rarely high profile. He has followed advice from Buckingham Palace advisers to keep his head below the parapet, maintaining his dignity in trying circumstances for the sake of his children.

The Duke has never made any secret of his enduring affection for his wife and is known to have made several attempts at reconciliation. Only last month it was reported that he had offered to abandon his naval career in a last effort to save his marriage, a move said to alarm the Queen. The offer was declined and it is reported that he then reluctantly agreed to a divorce.

Today, two months after his 36th birthday, royal commentators say he leads a some-what "sad and directionless

The man who before his marriage was an exuberant bachelor prince linked with a string of glamorous women including the actresses Koo Stark and Katie Rabett, now

prefers to spend many of his evenings alone watching vid-eos. According to friends, he enjoys thrillers, special effects and action movies, of which his favourite is Top Gun.

A tendency to compensate for his apparent loneliness by eating junk food has led to an expanding waistline and a weight of about 15 stone. Slimmer magazine recently named him their "Top Tubby" and newspaper headline writers have long labelled him the Duke of Pork.

As the senior pilot of the Fleet Air Arm's 815 Squadron based at HMS Osprey, the only squadron in the Navy which operates the Lynx heliday charge, leading the squadron in the rank of

lieutenant commander.

feelings of isolation while serving at sea. "As a commanding officer you can on occasions get extremely lonely and isolated if you're not careful," he said, comparing minehunting to watching paint dry. Since his marriage failed. the Duke has been been friends with a several women. including the model Catrina Skepper and Lord Bray-brooke's daughter Caroline

Neville. Asked at the age of 22 why his photographs often dealt with loneliness he said: "I'm not lonely. I'm a recluse. I just try to keep out of people's

Of all the Queen's children, gained the reputation of being the most adventurous and individualistic.



The Duke of York early on in his helicopter-flying career with the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm

copter pilot who fought with distinction in the Falklands and came home with a red rose between his teeth.

But he had also gained a reputation for being spoilt and prone to arrogance. Used to getting his own way, he was known to have insisted that even his closest friends called & him "Sir".

The Prince's education began at the age of four with a group of children under a Palace governess. At eight he went to Heatherdown Preparatory School near Ascot. Berkshire. At 13 he followed the Prince of Wales to Gordonstoun School in Moray, Scotland, also spending two terms at a Canadian school in Ontario.

he acquired the reputation of playing the "Great I Am" but, like his brothers before and to the job of head boy. He was more noted for his sporting and theatrical activities than for his academic prowess, although he left with three A

He had made his first solo flight as a glider pilot in 1976 and decided to follow his father and brother into the Royal Navy, choosing a 12year short-career commission. vhich hassince extended, as a

His career in the Navy got off to an inauspicious start. In the mess one evening he grandly informed a rear ad-"You can call me

"And you can call me Sir,"

was the icy reply.

But by 1982 he was on board HMS Invincible bound for the Falklands. He was to pilot of a Sea King helicopter on anti-submarine and trans-

# Couple's legal teams line up from opposite sides of social spectrum

AND STEPHEN FARRELL

THE statement announcing the end of the Duke and Duchess of York's marriage was issued yesterday by two leading divorce lawyers who now act for the couple. They come from starkly contrasting backgrounds and to some

Henry Boyd-Carpenter, the Queen's solicitor who is acting for the Duke, is of the oldworld, strictly correct and courteous school and very much of the Establishment. He is a partner with Farrer

& Co where he was the obvious choice to inherit the mantle when Sir Matthew, who was previously the Queen's lawyer, retired two years ago. Mr Boyd-Carpenter, 56, an old Carthusian who went to Balliol, is described by colleagues and other lawyers who have to deal with him as "delightful".

The Duchess, by contrast, has gone to Douglas Alexion, highly rated as a divorce "heavyweight" and listed as

one of the "magic circle" of He is known for his soothing bedside manner and his discretion — "I never discuss

London's divorce lawyers. She picked Mr Alexiou after clients." he said yesterday. His style is nonetheless more abraswitching from Withers, the firm that acted for her at the time the separation was ansive than Mr Boyd-Carpennounced and who helped neter's. His clients have included gotiate the settlement Sarah Brightman, the singer announced yesterday. who was married to the then One source said: "It is a very Andrew Lloyd-Webber. In addition to being The Queen's solicitor, Henry fair deal. You have to remem-

ber that the Duke is a servingofficer, he does not have vast Boyd-Carpenter takes his sums of money. The whole other Establishment duties thing was sorted out amicably seriously. He has maintained and without problems." links with his old school as a The deal includes a finandirector of Charterhouse Encial settlement for the Duchess terprises Ltd, is a director of as well as arrangements govthe Prince of Wales's Institute erning the upbringing of the children, in which the couple of Architecture and a member

of the council of the Chelsea are to share jointly. Physic Garden. Senior partner with the Mr Alexiou is known to his Mayfair law firm Gordon friends and colleagues as Douglas, but was christened Dadds, Mr Alexiou, 53, is a former chairman of Totten-Diminis Augustis Alexiou. He ham Hotspur Football Club. lives in an exclusive area of Charming but tough, he is Kingston-upon-Thames. likely to have struck a fair

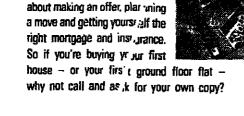
bargain for the Duchess, but without ruffling feathers.

house is just 15 miles from the

His wife was equally dis-creet last night. "My hus-band's business is his business. That's that. End of conversation."..

☐ The divorce of the Duke and Duchess will have few religious implications until either couple decide to remarry. Although Church of England clergy are allowed under the law of the land to remarry a divorced person in church, under church rules marriage is for life an a divorced man or woman cannot remarry in church if their former partner is still living.

Because the Queen is su preme governor of the church; the church wedding of a senior royal could be a source of potential embarrassment. If either of them wished to remarry in church, the Duke and Duchess would be encouraged to-go outside England, as did the Duke of York's borders of Richmond Park in a elder sister, the Princess Roy-detached but discreed Victorial, who remarried in Scotland.



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COVER

# Duchess who made Palace see red



Alan Hamilton reports that the Queen has grown increasingly anxious for the Yorks and the Waleses to bring their messy affairs to neat and final conclusions

WHEN the Duke and Duchess of York announced their separation in March 1992, one of the kinder courtiers at Buckingham Palace privately described the former Sarah Ferguson as "sweet-natured but vulgar". Another, less discreetly, confided that the knives were out for a woman regarded as a loose cannon on the deck of a royal ship which has become ever more storm-

Pity the Queen as she approaches her 70th birthday on Sunday. There must have been moments in the past three years when she felt that a life devoted to the consummate practice of constitutional monarchy was unravelling in her hands, and that the rock of monarchical stability had turned to sand and was trickling through her fingers.

The perception of the Royal Family as a model family may be an outdated concept dreamed up by Queen Victoria, ably supported by Walter Bagehot, that has had its day. But the Queen has been in no doubt that the untidy loose ends of her two elder sons failed marriages have done nothing but damage the good name of the Crown, and she has grown increasingly anxious that the Waleses and the Yorks bring their messy affairs to a neat conclusion.

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When Sarah Ferguson breezed on to the royal scene in 1985, gaily throwing chocolate profiteroles at the object of her desire across a countryhouse dinner table, many saw her as a breath of fresh air in the musty royal corridors, and a perfect foil for the seemingly demure, glamorous but shy Princess of Wales. With her Titian hair and expansive manner, she seemed an ideal partner for Prince Andrew, a headstrong war hero who had seen active service in the 🕽 Falklands and who was him-

self a bit of a prankster. Older heads tutted that Miss Ferguson had what is politely known as "a past", lived mainly in the fast lane racing driver Paddy McNally. The fact that she came from a broken home, with her mother remarried to an Argentinian polo player, seemed at the time not to matter; the Princess of Wales, then at the height of her popularity, had after all not emerged either from a solid nuclear family.

Prince Andrew had an equally well-publicised past. which had involved a string of encounters with actresses and other defiantly non-royal partners. Loud and a touch buffoonish, they seemed well

The fairytale marriage was sealed in front of a worldwide television audience in Westminster Abbey on July 23. 1986. It lasted rather less than six years: even Catherine of Aragon lasted three times as long, and she was only the

What went wrong? Only the two parties involved in a marriage really know. but from the beginning it was clear that the Duchess of York fully intended to live her own life, particularly as her husband was spending long periods away from home as a fulltime career officer in the Royal Navy. She was especially determined not to bow to the fusty conventions of court life. with the result that she rapidly lost such friends as she might have had in positions of influ-

ence at the Palace. Eyebrows were raised in the first days of their marriage,

when they commissioned a large, purpose-built family house at Sunninghill, near Ascot, whose vulgar style immediately attracted to it the name Southyork - an echo of the television soap Dallas. Soon afterwards the Duchess announced that she needed to earn a living like every other modern married gel, and was to become a children's author.

Her Budgie the Helicopter books attracted their share of disaster. She was accused of plagiarism when it was discovered that a remarkably similar series had been published in the 1960s, and she was accused of worse when it was suggested that, instead of donating 90 per cent of the book's profits to charity, as had been understood, she was directing most of the proceeds into her personal account.

On their first overseas tour together, to Canada in 1987. the couple seemed gauche, he overweight and she clowning in awkward fashion. They accepted a pair of fur coats as gifts from a provincial nabob, an act which backfired seriously with the animal rights lobby in Britain.

While the Duke was pursuing his naval career, the appeared determined to keep up the social whirl and the same set of friends, that she had in her single days. She retained, in particular, her friendship with Paddy McNally.

Her endlessly style increasingly appeared not to suit her husband, tired when ashore from sea postings, or after a hard's day's work at yet another demanding naval course. Many a night, he simply wanted to put his feet up, and the Duchess was increasingly seen at social functions without him.

Late in 1991, when the couple were still ostensibly together and looking after their two children Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, a cleaner working in a Mayfair apartment found photographs showing the



The toe-sucking photos taken secretly in France

with a Texan. Steve Wyatt. The pictures were handed to police, but not before newspapers had been made fully aware of them.

By Christmas that year, the Duke and Duchess were at Sandringham talking informaily to the Queen of separa-The embarrassment bandwagon has never stopped since. The Duchess's father, Major Ronald Ferguson, was photographed emerging from a Mayfair massage parlour, and was later the subject of an unpleasant kiss-and-tell biography by a woman with whom

he had had an affair. Worst of all, the Duchess, who devoted herself almost full-time to jetting around the world on exotic holidays and running up huge bills, was photographed at a villa in the south of France



The Yorks' wedding had a worldwide audience but it ran into trouble early on, the Duke preferring a quiet life as the Duchess enjoyed the social whirl

so-called "financial adviser", another Texan named John Bryan. What upset the Queen, and many others who saw the pictures, was that Bryan and the Duchess were being watched closely by her children, and not so closely by two slumbering royal protection police officers.

Bryan moved from being the Duchess's "financial adviser" and "unofficial press spokesman" to the new man in her life, escorting her on a South Pacific holiday after it was announced that she was separating from the Duke.

In London, he became her companion-around-town, arers and taking her to parties. Not everyone was so taken with the Texan, "He's got to be the biggest social climber of all time," said the Greek millionaire and gossip columnist Taki Theodoracopulos.

The Duke, meanwhile, became somewhat reclusive spending long hours alone at Sunninghill while the Duchess moved into an expensive rented house. Once a photography buff fascinated by the inner workings of cameras, he found ever more solace in his new passion of golf.

Even in recent months, the Duchess has seemed incapable of putting the brakes on her jet-setting lifestyle, despite a warning from the Queen that the monarch had no intention of bailing her out of her mounting debts. Last month she flew at short notice halfway round the world, from the Middle East to Florida, in pursuit of the Austrian tennis star Thomas Muster, with whom she has been romantically linked.

When the Duchess peared on the royal scene, she was regarded as a close ally of the Princess of Wales; the two at first seemed to provide support for each other, outsiders at sea in the unfriendly royal ocean. Although the reasons may be entirely different, the two women now seen to be facing a stangely similar fate. The ocean has not tamed them, but nor have they tamed the ocean.

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### **HOME NEWS**

# Paraglider bounces back from mile-high freefall

By Paul Wilkinson and Kyle Smith

A PARAGLIDER who hit a boulder-strewn mountainside at 100mph after his parachute collapsed not only survived but expects to make a full

Pat Dolan escaped from a mile-high freefall with a bro-ken right leg and three crushed vertebrae. He is paralysed from the waist down, but spinal injuries experts say he should be walking within

Mr Dolan's specially designed parachute, which acts as an aerofoil, collapsed when he flew into turbulence in the Dolomites in northern Italy. He had taken off from Mount Grappa at 5,000ft and soared to 6,500ft where he hit an asymetric tuck which caused his canopy to collapse inwards. It wrapped itself tightly around him, preventing him from releasing his emergency parachute.

There was no drag on my canopy to slow me down because it had wrapped itself around my arms and body completely. I was falling in the standing up position at about

100mph," said Mr Dolan, 39, whose accident happened three weeks ago.

Speaking from his bed in the spinal injuries unit at Pinderfields General Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, yesterday, he said: "All I could do was watch the ground as it got closer and closer. I didn't have time to think about anything else. I wasn't scared at all. I just gave

into the situation and let it happen. As I fell to within a few yards of the ground, I tensed up and shut my eyes tightly. I didn't feel any pain when I hit the ground. I just

blacked out." He puts his survival down to hitting a sloping surface. "I bounced up again and rolled downwards into a small mound of snow. I would have gone 'splat' if I'd landed on a

flat surface, my body would have been smashed to pieces." He ended up in the recovery position used by paramedics when dealing with accident victims. "It was pure luck that I ended up rolling to a halt like that. I could easily have choked to death on blood or vomit if I'd ended up on my back. It was against all the odds that I survived. There were rocks all over and I was lucky to miss them all."

The former Army physical training instructor from Queensbury, near Bradford, West Yorkshire, who is a member of the Yorkshire Dales Hang-gliding and Paragliding Club, was also wearing a special backplate made of Kevlar, the material used in bullet-proof vests.

Mr Dolan was airlifted to hospital in Treviso, where surgeons inserted metal plates in his spine and took bone grafts from his pelvis. Yahya Ahmed, consultant at

Pinderfields, said: We hope to begin active physiotherapy in the next few weeks to get him back walking again. He's very lucky to have the chance of walking, given the dreadful nature of his injuries.



Mr Dolan and his wife Liz after the accident. "I try not to think about how close I came to losing him," she said

Mr Dolan said: "I'm definitely the luckiest person on Earth. I couldn't wish for anything more than to be alive."

His wife Liz, 31, added: "('m just thankful that he's alive. I try not to think about how close I came to losing him." Dean Crosby, a former British champion and a fellow club member, said: "Pat is very lucky to be alive considering the height he fell from and the speed of his descent. An accident like that is extremely rare, almost a one-off. I

wouldn't say that paragliding is any more dangerous than any other sport. There is always an amount of danger which you can reduce by proper training. Perhaps we need more training abroad where the conditions are far

Mr Dolan's escape is one of the more remarkable in recent years. In March 1995, Penny Roberts of Silsden, West Yorkshire, an experienced parachutist, hit a concrete runway in Florida at 50mph after her

main and reserve chutes tanthe wag, he told his brother: "Reports of my death are premature." gled on a 13,500ft jump. She suffered several broken bones

and was paralysed below the A 3ft-deep duck pond saved a New Zealand skydiver, Klint Freemantle, 22, who plunged 3,000ft in 1993 when both his In April 1994, Des Moloney. 28. of Chobham, Surrey, fell 3,000ft from a plane being parachutes failed to open. Mr flown by his brother when his Freemantle, after splashing parachute ripped and opened down virtually without a scratch, said: "The first thing I only partially. He was dazed but suffered only cuts, bruises did was stand up and shout and whiplash when he landed a grass verge near

After his own near miss. Mr Sainsbury's in Colchester, Es-Dolan said he intended to take sex. Not too stunned to play up gliding as a safer pastime.



From the glory days of TV's Come Dancing: Victor Sylvester takes the floor with Sylvia Birch in 1955

# **BBC** pirouette saves last tango in Bournemouth

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE sequin and sunlamp industries are safe. The determined smiles of ballroom dancers will be seen once more. The BBC has reprieved Come Dancing.

Britain's longest-running television show will come back for a 47th year in the autumn, after a deluge of letters and petitions followed the news that TV executives had lined it up for the axe.

In its glory days, the show has been hosted by a series of famous broadcasters, but ratings had fallen from 10 million two decades ago to 2.8 million last year. One BBC management source was quoted as saying: "People here feel that it has had its day. It has become a bit of a national joke rather than a national institution."

Dancers were already reeling from the shock of losing televised coverage of the British championships last year and blamed the low audience on the show's scheduling at 11.35 on Monday nights. Eric Morley, former head of the Mecca leisure empire, who has been associated with Come Dancing since he organised the original competition, said the show would go on again "thanks to pressure from the British public".

Writing in the latest Dance News, the dance competition world's weekly newspaper, he urges young supporters to attend recordings of the series at Bournemouth's international centre in May: "It is important that viewers do not get the impression that sup-porters of dance are all older

The ballroom show, first broadcast from the Ritz ballroom in Manchester in 1949,

will be fronted by former WATERPROOF WINDPROOF BREATHABLE WEATHER

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Generation Game hostess Rosemarie Ford, who is on her fourth series, and will be screened in September.

Ms Ford is following a line which began with the original presenter, Peter Dimmock who moved up the ladder into BBC management — and has included Peter West (1959-72), Terry Wogan (1973-79) and Angela Rippon (1987-92), along with career stages for Michael Aspel, Judith Chal-mers and David Jacobs.

The new series will be in a different format, with team matches between "modern" couples dancing waltz, foxfrot, tango and quickstep, and "Latin" couples dancing rumba, cha cha, samba, jive and paso doble. There will also be a formation dance team competition, and for the first time an individual award for winning couples undefeated in their team events, even where their team lost.

Teams from Germany. Sweden and Holland will be flown over and some of Britain's top professionals, such as Donnie Burns and Gaynor Fairweather, the world latin champions, will give

demonstrations.

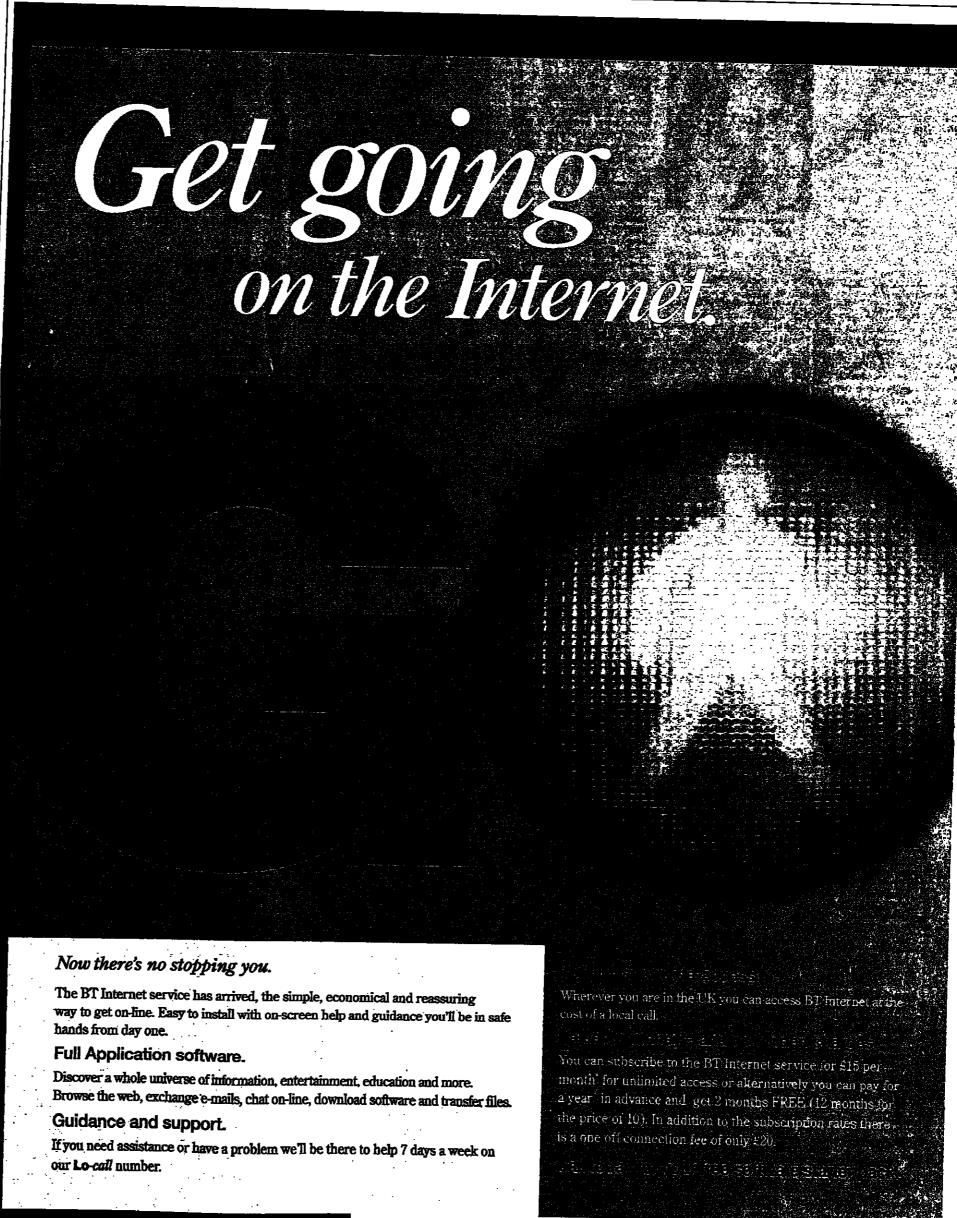
John Leach, associate editor of Dance News, said: "It is very good news for dancing generally. There was an outcry when it came off."

Bill Irvine, who teaches at south London's Starlight studio - and won 13 world professional titles with his wife Bobbie — has been involved with Come Duncing for 40 years, chiefly as a judge. He said: "It is wonderful that it will be shown again. The BBC moved it to the later time and it lost viewing figures and then when it lost viewing figures they decided to take it off."

Simon Betts, producer and director of the programme for ten years, said: "We will have the best amateur dancers in:

Europe competing." He said the BBC had received "a tremendous amount of letters from all ages" and added: "There was talk of dropping Come Dancing but Alan Yentob, controller of BBC I, has kept faith. with the dance community by bringing it back.

We are very pleased. Brit-ish dancers are the best in the world, so it is good that they are back and will be able to strut their stuff again on Come Dancing."



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# Mawhinney paint-bombers told they face jail NEWS IN BRIEF



Nicholas De Marco, left, who was acquitted of the attack on Dr Mawhinney, with Naveed Malik, Karen Doyle, Anthony Gard and Amanda Egbe

By LIN JENKINS

A TEACHER and three students were yesterday convicted for pelting Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, with flour and paint and told they could be sent to prison. A fifth person was acquitted.

The magistrate rejected their claim that they were justified in attacking Dr Mawhinney as he made his way to a makeshift BBC television studio on Abingdon Green outside the Palace of Westminster after the State Opening of Parliament. Nicholas Evans, stipendiary magistrate sitting at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, said their argument that it would prevent him repeating remarks that could incite people to commit crimes of racial violence was one "no rational

person" could accept. Karen Doyle, 19, and Naveed Malik, 19. both student union officers at Kingsway College, north London, studying two A levels each, are suspended and could face

expulsion. Amanda Egbe, 20, reading philosophy at the University of North London, has been suspended for three months. Anthony Gard, 54, a teacher at Langston Primary School, Poplar, east London, has been given a final written warning and could face dismissal.

Nicholas De Marco, 29, president of the student union at Kingsway College until he was expelled earlier this year, who was said to have orchestrated the attack, was cleared of all three charges. Mr Evans said there was insufficient evidence against him.

The convicted four, all members of the Movement for Justice, a small group set up to campaign against the Asylum and Immigration Bill, admitted that they had deliberately targeted Dr Mawhinney. During their demonstation on November 15 they ignored the Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and other MPs as they left after the ceremony, saving their missiles for Dr

wife, Betty, who was also splattered, could have been injured if paint had hit them in

The four had been seen on television news footage throwing the missiles. Alan Duncan, parliamentary private secretary to Dr Mawhinney, had also been seen calling the police on a mobile telephone and trying to make a citizen's arrest.

Mr Evans said: "I make no observations as to the seriousness with which I regard this matter, save to say I cannot exclude the possibility that custody is the way of dealing with it." He adjourned

sentencing to May 14.

Michael Schwarz, the defendant's solicitor, said it had been a political trial. He complained that the defence team was prevented by the magistrate from questioning Dr Mawhinney about allegedly playing the race card, which was "a key part of the defence".

The four, all from London, were given bail while pre-sentence reports were

# Army saved from manpower crisis

The Army has been saved from a "catastrophic" manning shortage of 20,000 soldiers by the end of the century. after ministers reversed a number of policy decisions. General Sir Michael Rose, the Army's Adjutant General, said yesterday the shortage had become so catastrophic that by 2000 the Army would not have been able to fulfil

obligations to the United Kingdom. Nato and the U.N.
Problems had arisen from the Government's Options for Change defence programme, the closure of recruiting offices and the loss of well-trained soldiers, he told the adjutant-general's annual conference in London. Provided the Army was able to recruit about 17,000 soldiers each year over the next three years full manning levels would now be reached by the end of the century. There were hints that a junior leaders' scheme could be restored.

### Ex-husband questioned

Detectives were questioning the former husband of Karen Skipper, who was murdered on the bank of the River Ely in Cardiff as she walked her two dogs. Philip Skipper was arrested early yesterday at Ferndale in the Rhondda Valley. The partially clothed body of Mrs Skipper, 34, was found on March 10. Her hands had been tied behind her back with a dog-lead. Tests showed she had been dragged through brambles and into the water where she was held under until she drowned. Police said yesterday that several witnesses were being interviewed again.

### Two shot in attacks

Two men were shot in the legs in separate incidents in Merseyside early yesterday after gunmen burst into their homes. In the first attack, four or five men shot their victim inside his house in Bootle before fleeing. He underwent emergency surgery at Fazakerley Hospital. Liverpol. Half an hour later four masked men fired several shots into a man's legs in Anfield. He was treated at the Royal Liverpool Hospital. Police were unable to say if the two attacks were connected although early indications were that this was unlikely.

### Nursery voucher rethink

Protests from private nursery schools have prompted a government U-turn allowing parents to use nursery vouchers throughout the summer. The Department for Education and Employment conceded that vouchers could be used beyond the state school term for children who went to private nurseries for only two or three days a week. Parents in the pilot areas of Norfolk and three London boroughs began using the vouchers yesterday.

### Cranmer on computer

The Prayer Book Society, the traditionalist heart of the Church of the England, has published the 1662 Book of Common Prayer on computer disk. The program allows clergy to choose appropriate hymns and readings for a Sunday and print them out in a ready-made service format. The society, which was founded to uphold Thomas Cranmer's language, said the software was "a splendid marriage of tradition and technology".

### Monk admits assault

A Benedictine monk who admitted indecently assaulting a 13-year-old boy as he slept in a dormitory at Ampleforth College, North Yorkshire, was remanded on bail for a month for a probation report by magistrates at Malton yesterday. Father Bernard Green, 43, had taught history and was a housemaster for three years, but now gave his address as St Benet's Hall, a study retreat at St Giles,

### Home on the Thames

The Royal Academy is holding a competition for a new inhabited bridge across the Thames, spanning the river from Temple Gardens on the north bank to the London Weekend Television tower on the south. It would be London's first inhabited bridge since the houses on old London Bridge were demolished for reasons of health and safety in the 1750s, and the idea was warmly welcomed by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

### Man walks into propeller

A passenger in a light aircraft was taken to hospital yesterday after he walked into the rotating propeller of the plane after it had made an emergency landing. The threeseater single-prop Cheetah was flying from The Netherlands to Cheltenham when it made a safe landing in a field at Walkeridge Farm near Basingstoke, Hampshire. Police said the passenger broke an arm and had severe neck lacerations. The injuries were not life-threatening. The pilot and passenger were thought to be British.

### Fault stops Archers

A crucial episode of The Archers was interrupted by a technical fault five minutes into yesterday's lunchtime broadcast on Radio 4. The episode centred on a family argument over funeral arrangements for the character Guy Pemberton, who died from a heart attack on Friday. Listeners will have to wait until Sunday's omnibus edition to hear the outcome. The BBC blamed a fault in a digital broadcasting machine. Dr Thomas Stuttaford, page II

### Parents prosecute three

Three men denied killing a teenager yesterday in a rare private prosecution for murder. Neil Acourt, 20, and Luke Knight, 19, both from Eltham, southeast London, and Gary Dobson, 20. of Bromley, are accused over the death of Stephen Lawrence, 18, who is said to have been stabbed at a bus stop in Eltham on April 22, 1993. The prosecution at the Old Bailey has been brought by his parents, Neville and Doreen. The case continues later this week.

# Parents of Cyprus tour guide ask Major for apology

THE parents of Louise Jensen, the Danish tour guide killed in Cyprus by three drunken British rillemen, have protested to the Prime Minister over the Army's failure to offer them compensation or an apology.

Poul and Anette Jensen are asking John Major to break the official silence after the conviction of the three members of the Royal Green Jackcts and take action to convince them that "human dignity is still present among British values"

Miss Jensen was abducted by the soldiers in the resort of Ayia Napa in September 1994. She was then driven to a remote spot, sexually assaulted and bludgeoned to death with an army spade.

Allan Ford, 20, Justin Fowler, 27, and Jeremy Pernell, 23, were jailed for life at Larnaca District Court on March 29 for abduction, manslaughter and conspiracy to rape after an eight-month trial. The men's legal costs, which were paid by the Army. are estimated at £1 million. At their home in the Danish village of Hirtshals, the dead



Louise Jensen: killed with an army spade

girl's parents have waited in vain since the conviction for any communication from the British Army.

Amid mounting criticism of the conduct of troops on Cyprus, Brigadier Arthur Denaro, Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of British Forces on the island, denied that the Army had been on trial and said he was proud of disciplinary standards. Mrs and Mrs Jensen have appointed Morten Larsen, who leads a family support group, to

Mr Larsen said yesterday that seeking compensation was only a means of forcing the Army to admit responsibility. In a letter to John Major, he

says: "The world has lost a wonderful human being. The British Army and the British Government have lost a tremendous amount of respect around the world. The Army and Government may retrieve some of its dignity by offering compensation to Louise's family. Given a choice between all the money in the world and having Louise back alive. surely the family would choose to retain their daughter and sister. But they do not have that choice. However you and the British Government have a choice and the possibil-

ity to ease the family's pain." If neither an apology nor compensation were offered, Mr Larsen added, the couple would take legal advice about civil action in the courts. He said: "The Army is claiming to have no responsibility. It is out of proportion that the Army can pay legal costs of up to El million on behalf of the soldiers without recognising a partial responsibility for this



The Ministry of Defence pointed out that Major General Alexander Harley, commander of British forces in Cyprus, had written a letter of

condolence to the family. In a letter to The Times earlier this month General Sir Michael Rose, Adjutant General, said the Army regarded ill-discipline with the "utmost ashamed" that soldiers should have perpetrated "such a savage and despicable crime". The soldiers' lawyers are to appeal against their convictions on a technicality. They claim they were not properly arrested when they were stopped at a police roadblock two hours after the killing and that their clothing and the spade, which were stained with Louise's blood, should not have been produced as evidence. They also claim that the soldiers were so drunk. they could not have specifically intended to kill Miss Jensen. proof of which is required for manslaughter charges under

Cypriot law. A spokesman for the MoD said: "If a claim were submitted it would be looked at sensitively and sympathetically. If there is a legal liability on the part of the MoD compensation may be paid."

Last night Mrs Jensen said: "We want the Army to say they are responsible for the actions of their soldiers. We are not doing this because of

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# Mother mourns two sons who died within hours

A MOTHER was treated in hospital for shock yesterday after the death of her baby from suspected meningitis only hours after her four-yearold son had died from injuries he suffered in a hit-and-run

Angela Bretherton, 26. was with her son Jamie in the intensive-care unit of Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Liverpool. on Monday night when Anthony, aged eight weeks, was suddenly taken ill

at home in Toxteth. A childminder called the emergency services in the early hours of yesterday morning and attempts were made to revive the the baby. He was taken to Royal Liverpool University Hospital with suspected meningitis and pronounced dead at 2.02am.

The body was then taken to Alder Hey hospital where Ms Bretherton had been mourning the death of her eldest son. He was struck by a BMW on a pedestrian crossing in Toxteth on Monday afternoon and suffered multiple injuries.

A spokesman for Alder Hev Hospital said the baby's cause of death would be confirmed after tests. "The child died of a severe infection that could have been meningococcal disease. We are taking the appropriate preventative measures for those health staff involved in assisting in the attempted resuscitation."

Ms Bretherton, who has two daughters aged one and five, left hospital yesterday after being treated for shock and was being comforted by relatives.

An officer of Merseyside Police said: "It is unbelievable that so much tragedy could have hit one family in one Police are still searching for

the driver of the car that struck the boy as he crossed the road hand-in-hand with a girl aged three. They were accompanied by his childminder, the woman who was caring for the baby when he became ill. The girl was discharged from hospital after treatment for

minor injuries. A spokeswoman for Merseyside Police said: "The boy was thrown on to the bonnet and he seems to have dragged the little girl with him."

A BMW was found abandoned near by. A man aged 19 who walked into a police station later was released after

# Lexicon celebrates calypso English

By ALAN HAMILTON

THERE is a good deal more to Caribbean English than reggae, calypso and dub. There is also adhocratic, humgrumshious and a few other expressions best not explored too closely in a family newspaper.

Spree boys will be in goat heaven and kiddle kingdom to learn that the Oxford University Press. which monitors the Queen's English in all its variations, has produced the first dictionary of the lingua franca of the anglophone West Indies, where 5.5 million people claim a vibrant brand of English as their mother tongue. The dictionary, edited

Dr Richard Allsop, a retired reader in English language and linguistics at the University of the West Indies, reveals that the above sentence means that fun-loving chaps will be in a state of bliss over the publication. They may even pull on their puss boots and take *taxi eleven* to their

nearest bookstore. Puss boots are soft-soled shoes, taxi eleven — from the bingo call legs eleven - is the Jamaican equivalent of shanks's pony. Adhocratic means making it up as you go along and humgrumshious a word of rather more obscure etymology - means rough and crude. A sprankious (lively and good-looking) lad might find it pesterous (irritating) to be told that he was looking odsocky (wearing illmatched clothing). If he happened to be an antiman, auntie man or panty man (homosexual) he might well be bazodi (stunned).

Dr Allsop, speaking from his home in Barbados yesteray, said: "Caribbean English, which came from a meeting of African languages and the first English slave traders and plantation owners, remains extremely vigorous. This is the first attempt to bring together the variations in language throughout the

region. Dr Allsop admitted that dictionaries of a living tongue ruption of the standard English common reprobate. Cheaper insurance Call Admiral now 0800 600 800

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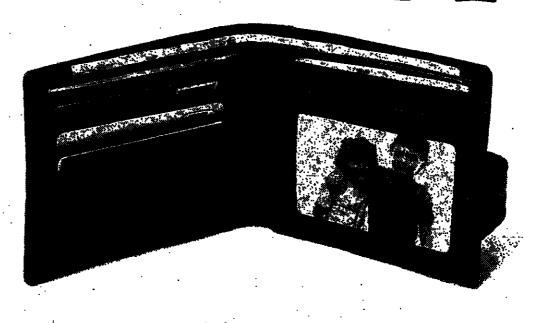
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# Bus bomber was plotting as the IRA talked peace

By Adrian Le

AN IRA terrorist who died when the bomb he was carrying exploded prematurely on a London bus had already planted a similar device and was hiding enough equipment to wage a concerted campaign on mainland Britain.

Edward O'Brien had been active in England for at least 18 months and had been stockpiling explosives and selecting his targets throughout the IRA ceasefire.

His inquest was told yesterday that O'Brien, 21, from Gorey, County Wexford, was an experienced terrorist who had also planted a bomb in a telephone kiosk in the West End of London three days before he was killed. It was discovered and defused.

iscovered and defused. Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster Coroner, said: "One would extend sympathy to his family, but it is clear that, while embarking on this potentially murderous crime, he was the author of his own misfortune." He recorded a verdict of accidental death.

After O'Brien's death, police found Semtex, timers, detonators and a prepared bomb at his bedsit in south London. The equipment was typical of that used by the IRA.

"It was a complete find of bomb-making equipment." Detective Superintendent William Emerton, of the Metropolitan Police's anti-terrorist branch, said. "It could have sustained a significant bombing attack on the citizens of London."

He said that as early as August 1994, O'Brien was acting as an agent of the IRA on the mainland. From October 1995, he was preparing a stockpile of Semtex, timers, detonators, guns and ammunition. He was drawing up his plans during the ceasefire and President Clinton's visit to Belfast and Dublin last November and December.

"It is clear that at the time Edward O'Brien was collecting his murderous equipment and planning his criminal activities," Mr Emerton said, adding that it was duplicitous for the IRA to have planned atrocities during the ceasefire.

O'Brien died at about

10.30pm on February 19 as he stood, carrying his bomb in a sports bag, at the foot of the stairs on a number 171 bus in the Aldwych. Dr Iain West, a Home Office pathologist, said O'Brien's legs were blown off





Edward O'Brien had been stockpilling equipment for 18 months when he blew up himself and a London bus. Among the injured was Paris Valentine, a passenger who suffered only perforated eardrums and minor cuts. It was, said the coroner, a remarkable escape

fered "blast lung", the force of the bomb ripping his lungs to shreds. He would have died almost instantly. The explosion also injured the driver and two passengers. There had been 37 people on the bus at various times as it travelled from south London to Holborn.

Detective Superintendent Emerton said a Walther 9mm pistol, bearing O'Brien's fingerprints, was found in the debris. A Jaguar sports bag, recovered from the dead man's flat in Lewisham, was one of two bought at the same time from Argos in Catford, south London. The first bag had been used to conceal the bomb in the telephone kiosk in Charing Cross Road three days earlier. Warnings about the device, including one call to Buckingham Palace, were

imprecise but a diligent member of the public had found it.

Mr Emerton said O'Brien was born in Dublin and moved to Co Wexford with his family. He was once employed as a baker but had been living in London since August 1994 and was integrated into the local community, playing for a pub football team and drinking regularly at clubs and pubs. He worked fulltime as a

labourer. Commander John Grieve, head of the terrorist branch, said: "I am convinced he was an active, committed, fairly experienced terrorist who had been on the mainland since at least August 1994. He had been involved in Provisional IRA activity from then and through the ceasefire."

Allen Fereday, a scientific officer at a forensic explosives laboratory, told the inquest at Westminster Coroner's Court how he had analysed the bomb-making equipment found at O'Brien's bedsit. It consisted of 15 kg of Semtex explosive in four blocks; 16 one-hour timer units; four three-hour units, one incendiary device with a ten-hour timer and four electronic detonators. It was, he said, typical of the equipment used in IRA devices.

Mr Fereday said the explosion caught O'Brien at knee level, consistent with him carrying the bomb in a holdall. There were a number of possible reasons for the premature explosion. The most likely were that the device had been incorrectly armed; poorly constructed, possibly causing a short-circuit; or had a faulty mechanism.

Less likely was that the bomber had made a timing miscalculation or that he had simply stumbled. It was possible that interference from an electrical device, such as a personal stereo or a mobile telephone, had triggered the device.

The coroner praised bystanders who went to the aid of the casualties at a scene of "devastation and enormous disruption".

Paris Valentine, a solicitor who was travelling on the bus, said: "I heard a loud thud. I was listening to my Walkman then I heard a huge piercing sound going through my mind and everything became still. I felt the bus grind to a halt and I was in complete darkness with sparks of light. I was losing consciousness but willed myself to stand up and get out of the bus." He suffered a perforated eardrum and

minor cuts but was otherwise unhurt. The coroner described his escape as "quite remark-

Also injured was the bus driver, Bob Newitt, 49, of New Cross, London, who is deaf as a result of his injuries, and Rolf Hobart, 38, of Torquay, who suffered facial injuries. Another injured passenger, Brendan Woolhead, from Dublin, was initially a police suspect but had no connection with the explosion. He has total amnesia about what happened that night.

An off-duty policeman, PC Miles Manning, described an "almighty explosion" and what appeared to be a "bite mark" missing from the centre of the bus. "It was one of the loudest noises I have ever heard and there was an orange flash. I was thrown forwards a few yards."

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He ran to help and, fearing a secondary blast, took out his warrant card and warned rescuers to stand back. A taxi driver, an American tourist and a solicitor, who had been drinking in a pub, all tried to help. They are to be cited by police for bravery awards.

The coroner said: "We have

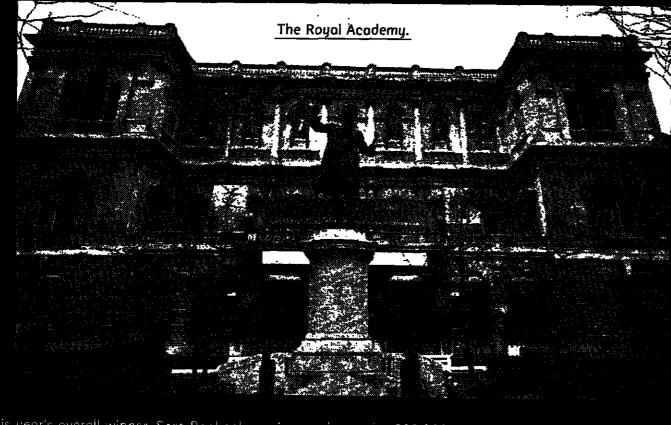
The coroner said: "We have heard a story of ordinary people in London who showed their inner resources in response to such outrages."



PC Manning: feared a second explosion

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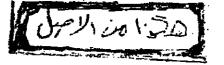
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THIS August Bank Holiday, Dover Castle sees a return to one of the most important dates in our nation's history. The eve of D-Day, 1944. Hundreds of British servicemen, German prisoners of war and military vehicles will be re-enacting the movements that were to signal the beginning of the end of the war as the allied forces prepared to land in Normandy. The command room will be functioning at full speed, dispatches will be arriving, 251b guns will be loaded, lookout stations will be manned. It'll be just like Dover Castle was in the old days. A frightening place to be. Only this time, your chances of returning home safely, you'll be pleased to learn, are 100%.

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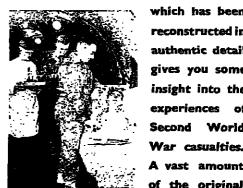


The Underground Hospital at Dover Castle.

THE oldest building on the site of Dover Castle is the Pharos, the ancient Roman lighthouse which dates from the first century AD. It remains one of the tallest Roman structures still standing in Europe. More recent is the Saxon church of St. Mary-in-Castro [circa 10th century] which, despite the crude nineteenth-century modernisation, remains virtually in its original state. It is also well worth visiting Queen Elizabeth's Pocket Pistol. Scarcely pocket sized though, it's a 7 metre sixteenth-century gun which was capable of firing a shot a distance of seven miles.



BURIED in the white cliffs of Dover, beneath the most celebrated major fortress in Britain's history, are The Secret Wartime Tunnels. Open to the public since 1990, having come off the original official secrets list four years earlier, they were home to the Underground Hospital. This hospital,



authentic detail gives you some insight into the experiences of Second World War casualties. A vast amount of the original

reconstructed in

furnishings and equipment have been collected and reinstalled. Home Front propaganda lines the walls, including the famous 'Careless Talk Costs Lives' poster. 1940's cigarette packets, old newspapers and a half-played game of draughts rest on tables. The wartime flavour is enhanced by the soundtrack which plays on your guided tour of the Tunnels. You'll hear the conversations of hospital staff and the sound of air raids and bombings. There's even that distinctive hospital smell to great you as you enter the operating theatre, followed by the nasal 'delight' of boiled cabbage emanating from the kitchens.

URING World War II, when many British women and children found refuge in London's tube stations, many British soldiers were hiding in an underground system too: The Secret Wartime Tunnels beneath Dover Castle. A maze of passages, offices and hospital dormitories which served as a military base for Churchill's troops. It was here that one Vice-Admiral Ramsay masterminded the evacuation of Dunkirk. And here that hundreds of casualties of war received the finest of medical attention. You can experience their sights, sounds and even smells at Dover Castle. To find out more information on English Heritage and our role in preserving the nation's significant buildings, please call 0171 973 3434 or visit any one of our 400 sites. lt's yours. Why not visit it.

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turned into an increasingly supportive ally of John Major on Northern Ireland. This surfaced in an improbable way during Mr Clinton's meeting with Tony Blair at the White House last Friday. When the president said that Mr Blair had acted in a "very statesmanlike" way over Northern Ireland, he has not only giving the Labour leader a public boost, but he was also being helpful to Mr

Some of Mr Clinton's advisers had been concerned that Labour might seek to exploit the Government's vulnerability by allying with

the Unionists over an amendment to the Bill, published yesterday, for elections on May 30. But Mr Blair assured the president that, however much he wanted to bring down the Tories, there was no way that Labour would indulge in such wrecking tactics over Northern Ireland. Mr Clinton was relieved.

After the differences of a year ago between London and Washington over the treatment of Gerry Adams. there is now a much closer understanding over Northern Ireland. This partly follows a proposal made to Mr Clinton by Sir John Kerr, the British Ambassador in Washington, shortly after his arriv-

### RIDDELL ON POLITICS

al last summer. He suggested that. having met Mr Adams, the president should meet all those who receive more votes than Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland elections. Mr. Clinton agreed. He has accordingly met David Trimble twice and Ian Paisley once. This, coupled with advice from the American Embassy in London, has helped to change attitudes among Mr Clinton's advisers — though Vice-President Al Gore has always sought to ensure that the Unionist case is heard. The

end of the IRA ceasefire has also put some Washington supporters of Mr Adams on the defensive.

Mr Clinton was persuaded that the British suggestion of elections was a necessary step to ensure that the Unionists participate in the all party negotiations on June 10, despite the misgivings of the Dublin Government and opposition of the SDLP. He has appealed to all parties to become involved.

Yesterday's Bill and the accompanying paper on ground rules for the talks are intended to keep open all options by offering wide reassurance. The elections will both provide delegates from whom par-

ticipants in the all-party talks can be chosen and create a deliberative forum, in effect a talking shop with no real powers. The Bill provides that referendums may, with parliamentary approval, be held on any matter relating to Northern Ireland. The Government is still not persuaded of the case for a referendum on the renunciation of violence, as urged by John Hume. But the door has not been closed. Sinn Fein can, and probably will, participate in the elections, but the Government paper reiterates that their participation in negotiations requires the unequivocal restora-

tion of the ceasefire of August

1994". While the IRA decision on a ceasefire is the main uncertainty ahead of June 10, several other questions remain unresolved. Who, for example, will be the 'independent chairperson handling the sensitive strand two discussions on relationships within the island of Ireland? There are suggestions that Senator George Mitchell is willing to become involved again.

The familiar question of decommissioning of arms will also have to be addressed at the start of the talks. The announcement of elections masked the decision to drop the previous "Washington three" precondition that decommissioning

must start. But this only put off a decision. Everything now is aimed at getting the talks going with all parties involved. Sinn Fein will also have to decide whether it accepts the Mitchell Commission's insistence on an absolute commitment to democracy and non-violence. These choices cannot be avoided indefinitely. On June 10, or soon afterwards, the London and Dublin Governments, and the Clinton Administration, will have to face up to the incompatibility of the aims and attitudes of the main participants.

PETER RIDDELL

# Mandelson tours Far East courtesy of Barclays Bank

By Andrew Pierce and Patricia Tehan

BARCLAYS BANK financed a ten-day trip to South-East Asia by Peter Mandelson, one of Tony Blair's closest allies, to reassure companies in the region that their investments in Britain would be safe under new Labour.

The trip, the first the bank has sponsored for an individual MP. came in the same week that BZW, Barclays' investment bank, hosted a reception for the Labour leader during his visit to New York. But Mr Mandelson, MP for Hartlepool, had given a different emphasis to the trip before he went away. He told his local newspaper that he was flying east to try to then n generate more investment from South-East Asia in Hartlepool, where unemployment is almost twice the national His explanation mystified

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Barclays, which is paying the estimated £6,000 bill for the trip to Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore. spokeswoman for

Barclays, the one-time bête noire of the Labour Left because of its investment in

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South Africa during the apartnothing to do with Hartlepool. The only connection we have with Hartlepool is a branch in the High Street."

Before he left for South-East Asia, at the start of the Easter recess, Mr Mandelson told the Hartlepool Mail: "We must step up our efforts to promote the town and I am pleased to announced that during Easter I am travelling to Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore to beat the drum for investment in Hartlepool." Far from paying Mr

the virtues of Hartlepool, the bank had invited him to act as an unofficial ambassador for Tony Blair. Andrew MacThomas, Barclays head of public affairs, said in a letter to the MP that the purpose was: "To discuss trade and investment under a Labour government with particular reference to companies with

Mandelson's expenses to extol

direct interests in Britain." In the letter, dated March 29. Mr MacThomas said that Barclays agreed to the visit as a number of its customers in the Far East could be affected by a potential change of govrnment in Britain.

Barclays declined to say who had issued the invitation to Mr Mandelson, whose frontbench portfolio is the Civil Service not inward investment. Last night the bank said that the visit was part of a programme of contact with

Martin Taylor, the Etoneducated chief executive of Barclays, is an acquaintance of Mr Blair. He approved the visit, which was organised by BZW. Derek Scott, a BZW economist and part-time adviser to Mr Blair, is believed to have helped to organise Mr Blair's Wall Street gathering.

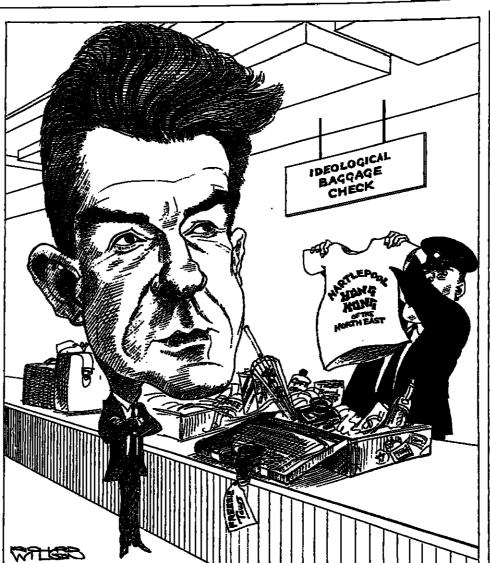
Mr Mandelson flew from London to Tokyo on April 6. staying at the Imperial Hotel. He went on to Seoul on April 9, staying at the Hotel Shilla, visiting Hyundai and Mr Mandelson reached Hong Kong on Thursday April II, staying at the Conrad hotel, leaving on April 14 for Singpore. He arrived back in London yesterday. . In the Register of MPs'

interests Mr Mandelson declares that he is parliamentary adviser to the Association of Civil Servants. He will have to

log his trip in the next register. The bank spokeswoman said the visit had been arranged because Barclays had many customers there who wanted to know about investment prospects under a Labour government. "It is the first time we have done it," she said. "We do not have MPs as consultants or advisers." Mr Mandelson had been

chosen because customers had exacting questions. "We wanted to send someone who could answer them." The final cost was not yet known because Mr Mandelson had not submitted his expenses.

Mr Mandelson said in a prepared statement that the knowledge he had gained about the Asian economic miracle had been enormously valuable. "It was a real eyeopener. I was particuarly pleased to reassure potential investors in Britain about the excellent business prospects in Britain under a Labour



### Labour accused of | Worried Tories urge Major | NHS criticised over media 'sycophancy' to talk with Goldsmith would prevent the left-leaning

By Philip Webster, political editor

cused Labour of "sycophantic Mirror Group newspapers devotion" to large media from holding a licence. Jack groups yesterday after it Cunningham, the Shadow National Heritage Secretary argued for a 25 per cent limit. Mrs Bottomley accused Labour of trying to rig the regulations and putting vested interests above those of the pro-referendum candidates

viewers and readers. "The Labour Party has lurched from paranoid terror of large media groups to sycophantic devotion towards them," she said. The Government would be "relentless in exposing the cosy deals that Labour have dreamt up to please their

Maior vesterday to authoris talks with Sir James Goldsmith on an agreement that would persuade him to withdraw his threat to field 600

at the general election. They say that unless the Government does a deal with Sir James his Referendum Party will take enough votes to make defeat certain. They want Mr Major to look sympathetically at the billionaire financier's call for allparty talks on a possible

SENIOR Tories urged John referendum on Britain's rela- done by John Major at tions with Europe.

Senior Tories are citing the 1,272 votes secured by the UK Independence Party in last week's Staffordshire South East by-election. They say that if that were repeated elsewhere the Tory majorities in more than 20 seats would be wiped out. Yesterday Lord Archer of

mer deputy party chairman and a confidant of Mr Major, became the first leading Tory to go public with a call for "dialogue" with Sir James, although he was reflecting the views of some Tory MPs worried that the Referendum Party could tip the balance against them at the election. They have been persuaded not to speak out for fear of raising the new

Weston-super-Mare, a for-

party's profile. Lord Archer said that the Tory party leadership should have a "dialogue" with Sir James. He told *The Times:* "In spite of the excellent deal

Maastricht the anti-Maa tricht candidate at South East Staffordshire still got 1,270 votes. Nobody believes they were Labour people who were unhappy with Mr Blair. It was an anti-government

"James Goldsmith has £20 million to spend and is a charismatic figure. What he is going to achieve is letting in a Labour government that will eventually sign up to a social chapter and a federalist Europe. He is letting in Tony Blair, a man we belive to be committed to a single currency. We should be talking to him and asking him if he understands what he is He added: "We should

remember what happened in the 1992 presidential election in America. President Bush did not want to talk to Ross Perot. He ended up with a big share of the vote and helped to remove Mr Bush from the White House.

# £100m computers

A SCHEME to introduce computers in NHS hospitals to improve patient services has cost more than El00 million and falled to provide expected benefits (Nigel Williamson writes).

A highly critical report from a public spending watchdog says that eight years after the start of the scheme, only 13 of the 260 acute NHS hospitals have integrated computer systems providing up-to-theminute information on the results of medical tests, waiting list and other vital data. The NHS Executive had intended all hospitals to be running the system by April

Audit Office found that pilot schemes had been plagued by delays and a failure to make sumcient savings. Particula problems had occured at Nottingham, Kidderminster and Darlington hospitals.

Alan Langlands, the NHS chief executive, is certain to face tough questioning from the Public Accounts Committee over the report next month. MPs will want to know why by last year the schemes had only acheived cost savings of E3.3 million and why the NHS Executive has stil not completed its own evaluation of the

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### Sinn Fein warned over late ceasefire

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

SINN FEIN leaders were told last night that they may be excluded from the forthcoming all-party talks even if the iRA declares a ceaselire.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary. increased pressure on the IRA to end violence now by saying that a last-minute ceasefire might be too late. Sinn Fein has been told that it will be excluded from talks starting on June 10 unless an "unequivocal restoration" of the ceasefire is announced, although it can stand in the May 30 elections to the peace

Unionists are worried that Sinn Fein could enter the talks if a ceasefire is announced only days before June 10. However, Sir Patrick emphasised last night that the announcement needed to be made soon, saying: "It would be increasingly hard to persuade participants that this was unequivocal the closer to the 'off' it is declared."

Sir Patrick, who was announcing legislation to set up the talks and elections to the peace forum, was optimistic that all parties would join. "I think there are more sensible grounds for being hopeful than for a very long time." A Bill will be rushed

through Parliament by next week to enable the election of 110 representatives to the forum, from which negotiators will be selected for the talks. Sinn tein made no initia: response to the draft Bill.

IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to health ministers and the Prime Minister; private notice questions on Aids tests; statements on BSE and Commons business: Broadcasting 881, second reading; Education (Student Loans) Bill, Lords' amendments; proposed widening of M1. In the Lords: debetes including fish stock conservation and management; Defamation Bill, report.
TODAY in the Commons: backbench debates; trade and industry questions; rail privatisation. In the Lords: policies to cut recurring unemployment; beet crisis; fload Traffic (Amendment) Bill, committee; Disabled Persons and Carers (Short-Term Breeks) Bill, second reading.

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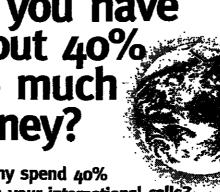
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worship for the series in Weekend, At your service, and this book is a collection of 63 of those engaging articles. The Good Pub Guide, but Gledhill does assess the quality of the leadership.

architecture, sermon, music, liturgy, afterservice care and spiritual high at the churches she visits. She describes the atmosphere, the sort of people who attend, the style of the worship, the quality of preaching and anything that particularly strikes her, even the coffee. As the daughter of an Anglican

of The Times, visited nearly 200 places of

Not quite the ecclesiastical equivalent of

clergyman, Gledhill has been attending church regularly since childhood and the experience of visiting so many has had an impact on her own faith.

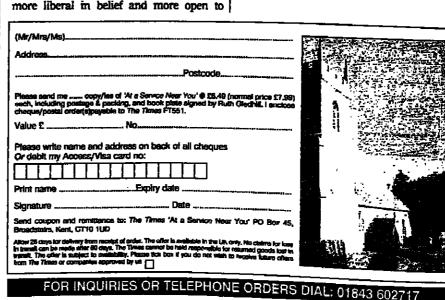
"I began the series as a churchgoing Anglican with fairly traditionalist views," she says. "The experience has made me more liberal in belief and more open to

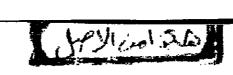
Ruth Gledhill, religious affairs correspondent | evangelical styles of worship, in particular the joy and movement that comes with some of the best spiritual songs."

Ruth believes churches are more than places of worship. They are also community centres in a world where neighbourhood communities are vanishing. They provide an oasis of peace in a noisy environment. The best churches preach faith as the foundation for true healing and happiness and impart to her the sense of God's presence.

At a Service Near You makes enjoyable reading. Anyone who wants to find out about a church in an area they are visiting, or simply curious about local churches, will find it extremely helpful.

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# Doctors give hope of breakthrough in cancer therapy

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A NEW weapon against cancer that could prove effective for many of the commonest forms of the disease has begun patient trials, scientists an-

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nounced yesterday.

The treatment, based on blocking the growth of malignant cells instead of destroy-ing them, has excited scientists who have spent 15 years developing it. It is being tested on lung cancer patients and, if successful, trials will be extended to other common

Researchers from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund described the start of tests on patients as a landmark. Pro-fessor John Smyth, director of the fund's clinical oncology unit at Western General Hospital. Edinburgh, said: "We can't avoid being excited by this. We believe the science is extremely strong and we are optimistic, but we are at the first stage. We desperately need entirely new approaches

we are to make a major difference for patients with a number of different types of cancer, particularly the common cancers."

The treatment is being used first for sufferers of small-cell lung cancer, which accounts for a quarter of all cases of lung cancer and causes nearly 10,000 deaths a year in Britain.

Professor Smyth said there had been virtually no improvement in survival after lung cancer in the past decade despite the development of treatments to improve quality of life. Chemotherapy is highly effective in eradicating the cancer cells but the disease returns in more than 90 per cent of cases and the drugs do not work a second time. The new treatment would be used as a follow-up to initial chemotherapy to prevent the cancer

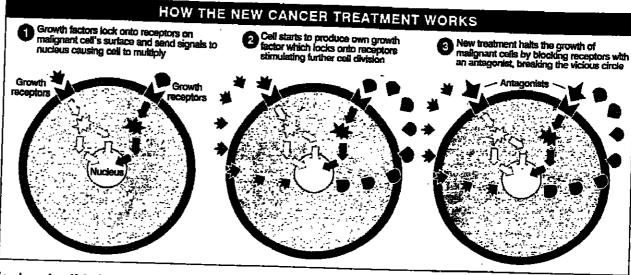
cells re-growing. In small-cell lung cancer, the malignant cells produce

called neuropeptides which cause the cells to multiply out of control. They do this by locking on to receptors on the cell's surface and sending signals to the cell nucleus.

Work led by Dr Enrique Rozengurt at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's laboratory in London has shown that the receptors can be blocked with antagonists, which prevent the growth factors from working and stop multiplication of the cancer cells and the growth of the

Dr Rozengurt said: "We have identified a group of antagonists that can block every type of growth factor with a particular type of signal. The vicious circle is interrupted." An important question, however, is what effect the antagonists have on

The first clinical trials. which began in February.



involve a handful of patients and will determine how treat-ment with the best antagonist for lung cancer is tolerated and the optimum dose. Later trials will compare the new approach with existing treatments. It will be three to five years before scientists know whether it is effective. Laboratory studies suggest the same antagonist may be effective against cancer of the bowel and pancreas because the

Professor Smyth said: There are many types of receptors on the surfaces of the cells of different types of cancer. There are also many types of growth factor. It may be possible to develop antagonists for them, too."

same family of growth factors

may be involved

**Nutritionist says Chinese food** is recipe for healthy breasts

WOMEN may be able to avoid breast cancer by eating Chinese food, scientists were told yesterday.

Soy protein used in orien-tal cooking contains chemical compounds that appear to mimic the action of the widely used breast cancer drug

Dr Helen Wiseman, a nutritionist at King's College London, said that may be why people in Japan and China ve such low rates of breast, colon and prostate cancer. It could also explain why

amounts of soy products have a low incidence of heart disease. Tamoxifen is also believed to prevent heart

Dr Wiseman suggested at a meeting of the Biochemical Society at Liverpool Univer-sity that oriental food might help to protect some women against breast cancer.

disease and osteoporosis.

Soya beans, soya milk and other soy products contain bioactive substances called isoflavonoids. Like Tamoxifen, they may stop the

female hormone oestrogen acting on the breast, where it can cause cancer.

Isoflavonoids are also potent antioxidants, which may be another reason why they protect against cancer and heart disease.

Dr Wiseman told the meet-

ing that work has started on ways to enrich soya products to improve their health-giv-ing properties. "If all goes well women at risk of breast cancer, for example, could choose to eat these foods as a supplement to drugs."



Matthew Parris meets ian McKellen

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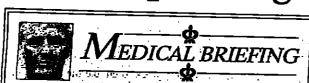
Paul Heiney on home cooking





The Pembertons: Guy, Caroline and Simon (Hugh Dickson, Sara Coward and Peter Wingfield)

# **Everyday story** of a superdrug



### Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE death of The Archers' Guy Pemberton, who owned the Ambridge estate, spoilt the weekend for listeners of the Radio 4 serial, particularly if they have had a cardiovascular disease. Mr Pemberton's death was slightly unusual, as more than balf of those who die from a heart attack do so within the first 48 hours. The scriptwriters were not entirely misleading, for there is an appreciable increase in mortality over the first year.

Mr Pemberton's death leaves his widow Caroline and his son Simon with unresolved difficulties, but it also calls into question Dr Richard Locke's care. Had his patient been prescribed a regular daily dose of aspirin and, if he had, was anyone checking to see if he took it? Aspirin, unless there is a sound reason against its use, is recommended for prevention of a second heart attack.

Aspirin has been a wonder drug for nearly 100 years for which new uses are constantly being discovered. Despite its proven use in the prevention of a second heart attack, a recent survey carried out by Oxford University research workers and published in General Practitioner shows that only one in ten general practices is correctly recommending its routine use. This could be life-saving in many.

One example was an 18vear-old woman daris player who usually hit the 20s with easy grace. One evening, to

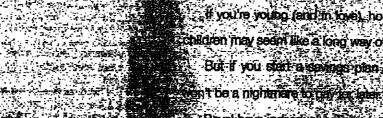
the amazement of her fans, she missed and missed again. It transpired that the woman had had a transient ischaemic attack (YIA), a tiny temporary stroke caused by a blood clot temporarily blocking an artery in her brain.

Further tests demonstrated that she had an abnormal ciotting tendency, characterised by a positive antiphospho-lipid test, a simple and cheap blood test. This form of clotting disorder can be helped by the regular prescription of aspirin which reduces the likelihood of further TIAs or even a fatal

The darts player's condition was the same as that which Dr Graham Hughes of St Thomas's Hospital treats in some women who recurrently miscarry. In these women the placenta is damaged by small clots, the developing baby dies and the mother miscarries. Dr Hughes's research started with women who have lupus and who are also antiphospho-lipid positive, as are a small sub-group of lupus sufferers. In this group the successful pregnancy rate has, with the help of aspirin, been raised from 17 to 70 per

lipid factor are also important in younger patients who have unsural clotting tendencies. whether these have been demonstrated by early strokes, heart attacks, deep-vein thromboses or even recurrent migraine.





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# Hogg watches as prodigal son feeds subsidy to farmers It was on April 3, began Apriculture Minister Douglas Hogs in his Statement to the Commons vesteriaty, that the had last nade a statement to the Commons vesteriaty, that he had last nade a statement to the Commons vesteriaty and the logic implied in this pering remark. In evoid are dropped the certaining pages of his Statement and That Hogg said of link between minister in pages of his Statement and That this suggests some kind of link between minister in prodigal from the dispatch box, while Major and public alear had subside the dispatch box while Major and public active producing the major represent, while Major and public active producing the major should have obe the dispatch box. That this suggests some kind of link between minister in producing the major should have one was understandable. The producing the major should have one sort the would have one was understandable. The producing the hogs as for the dispatch box, while Major and public active dispatch box while Major and public active dispatch box while Major and public active dispatch box while Major and public active producing the producing the hogs and public active dispatch box while Major and public active dispatch box while Major

six pages of his Statement and

sat down without further ado. He and Stephen Dorrell. the Health Secretary, had is a made a series of reassuring For Commons Statements before

rial reassurance and public alarm did not seem to occur to the younger Hogg, who ploughed on. Leaning on two sticks in the peers' gallery, the elder Hogg, Douglas's dad

Those of us who served in Parliament with Douglas before he realised that he might one day be Agriculture Minister remember him telling us the ruling wisdom in the

and farmers who dispose

of male calves in dairy

herds soon after birth.

These animals used to be

exported to the Continent.

■ £80 million to buy and

public demand for beef."

Tony Loud, who runs a 200-

cow family dairy farm near

Okehampton, Devon, said:

"The compensation announced by Mr Hogg for old



a spotty teenager.

They were alarmed at the level of farm subsidy: so alarmed (the present Agriculture Minister used to tell us in the Smoking Room) that

Hailsham, peering down at his son's grittily competent performance at the dispatch box yesterday, cast his mind back nearly 50 years to the boy's mid-century grounding in agro-scepticism and

ing with anger at Clare Short's tax gaffe and John Major reeling in shock at a fresh blow delivered by the voters of Staffordshire SE to his premiership.

antries with Peter Brooke (C, City of London and Westminster S) about cricket. Nothing at present seems to be getting

under Mr Major's skin. But there was one oddity. John Prescott has taken to

classes. it seems Mr Prescott may be be auditioning for the role of News Bunny on Live! TV. Perhaps a little more work is needed on the cuddle

### bee the Easter recess, and after Quintin, watched anxiously. Guarded welcome for BSE damages package KEY POINTS OF THE PACKAGE

AGRICULTURE

outw THE rescue package for the Fo beef industry announced yeshave terday by the Agriculture chel Minister will cost nearly £1 Unit billion in the first year and is Dell likely to involve the destruccause tion of more than a million Stant cattle.

Gohi Farmers last night welpoint comed the announcement up e from Douglas Hogg as a first havin step towards putting the inline-u dustry back on its feet after the Lay crisis over the possible link are gc and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. look t But they were concerned of ga about the threat of further play. I culls and said many farmers are pl could still suffer serious finanthen r cial loss.

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The £1 billion package largely consists of:

£ £550 million to slaughter cattle more than 30 months old and prevent chain. That includes up to £500 per cow to dairy farmers. Over a year, more than one million cattle may

£80 million in top-up payments to owners of prime beef cattle over 30

destroy 40,000 tons unsaleable beef that has piled up in warehouses.

E £30 million in emergency aid to abattoirs based on a payment of £8.75 for every head of cattle slaughtered in 1995-96. ■ £118 million in aid to readering plants.

Union, said: "Prompt payment of the compensation and the removal of devalued carcasses from cold stores will help the industry as it attempts to meet the renewed

But we are very worried by his reference to possible further selective culls of animals deemed to be susceptible to BSE. We do not see any need for that at all."

James Burnett keeps 1,100 of prime beef cattle near Newark. Nottinghamshire, which are all over the age of 30 months and face destruction. The compensation for beel farmers like me is not as had as I feared, but I could still face a loss of up to £250,000 over a full year," he said.

About £630 million of the aid package will be spent on the slaughter and disposal of cattle over 30 months old, which are considered to be at greater risk of being infected bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

There will be £110 million to help slaughterhouses. Some £80 million of this will be used to buy an estimated 40,000 tonnes of stockpiled beef which cannot be sold because it comes from older cattle or because there is no demand. The meat will probably have

In addition, up to £80 million will be paid to abattoirs and farmers for the slaughter of male calves from dairy

to be destroyed.

herds immediately after birth. Nearly all these animals, up to 500,000 a year, were previously exported for the continental veal trade. They may now be made into pet food.

Rendering plants, which specialise in processing ani-mal waste, will receive £118 million in aid. Mr Hogg said the plants had "substantial surplus capacity" and would be mainly responsible for treating and burning the waste material, offal and carcass meat that would no longer be allowed into the food

According to an audit prepared for the Ministry of Agriculture by the accountant Coopers and Lybrand, 15.000 old cows and 6,000 beef animals over 30 months old will have to be slaughtered and destroyed each week, implying the destruction of about a million cattle in a year.

Old cows at the end of their productive life would have been slaughtered anyway. But instead of being turned into burgers and pies they will be destroyed. Farmers will get 86p a kilogram liveweight, averaging nearly £500 per animal, roughly the market price they would have fetched before the BSE scare.

The European Union will pay 70 per cent of the cost of this compensation. But the Government will have to pay for the disposal of the carcass es. It will also pay a top-up payment of 25p a kilogram to owners of prime beef cattle over 30 months old, which are much more valuable than old dairy cows.

There are estimated to be 300,000 prime beef cattle on farms above this age limit which cannot now go into the

backlog alone in a year, the animals would have to be slaughtered and destroyed at a rate of about 6,000 a week. Mr Hogg said he was

Fair deal: Tony Loud, who runs a farm with his sons Martin, left, and Richard, said the package was acceptable

looking at other ways of identifying individual cattle or groups of cattle more likely than others to develop BSE that could be culled selectively in addition to those over 30 months old. But there would be no question of killing whole herds just because they had had a few cases of BSE. He said: "The models we are looking at involve limited-

> mals - in the low tens of thousands and not hundreds of thousands - and do not provide for the slaughter of whole herds." The proposals for a selective cull are due to be presented to

European Union Agriculture

numbers of individual ani-

month. There is no chance of

Hogg: said more culls

the EU's worldwide ban on British beef being lifted until other member states have seen

the proposals.

Mr Hogg said he was still discussing with the Environment Department the best and safest way of disposing of unwanted carcasses after they had been treated by rendering plants.

☐ A legal challenge by the British Government over Euboosted by the Farm Commissioner's admission last week that the ban was needed to shore up the European beef industry (Frances Gibb writes). Lawyers say there is no doubt that the Commission has power to impose a ban but they believe it must be done on public-health grounds.

The likelihood of success. some lawyers believe, is quite high: the grounds for legal challenge would be that the ban was disproportionate to the risk it sought to avoid. But as any legal action in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg would be likely to take at least ten months from start to final court ruling, the chief benefit of lodging roceedings could be as bargaining counter in any negotiations to have the ban

☐ The families of eight people who died from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease after treatment with a human growth hormone obtained from the pituitary glands of dead bodies launched a High Court claim yesterday for compensation. ment and Medical Research administering the treatment.

### Diners dismiss beef offal warning as 'load of tripe' FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

to Britons as Les Rosbifs,

France is the largest consum-

er of beef in Europe. But even

before the current crisis.

French meat consumption

was beginning to wane. In

1979 the average French citi-

zen consumed 25 kilos (55lb)

of meat annually, but by last

year the figure had dropped to

The trend has been acceler-

ating and since last month's

beef ban, more than half of all

French restaurants have re-

ported a drop in beef orders.

In Paris, restaurateurs say

consumption has halved

while trade at vegetarian res-

taurants has jumped by a

third. Popular restaurant

chains such as Hippopota-

mus, the self-proclaimed "car-

nivore's heaven", have started

sort of dish that makes most

French chefs reach for the

With traditional French cui-

sine already in crisis - it is

mending the avoidance of

offal will be a bitter pill to

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No country on Earth takes

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offal, or *abats*.

FRENCH gastronomy was reeling from another cruel blow yesterday after the Institute of National Consumers (INC) warned the public not to eat beef offal as fear of 'mad cow" disease continued to permeate France.

Consumption of beef has dropped sharply here since the European ban on British beef, but the latest warning is a direct threat to some of France's most celebrated

Le bifteck Aberdeen Angus has already disappeared from French menus and, if the public heeds the latest warning, ris de veau (sweetbreads), cervelles (brains), andouillette (small tripe sausage) and amourettes (spinal bone marrow of calf or ox) will soon follow. Given the fact that the French blame British beef for the whole sorry affair, foie de veau anglaise (sautéed English calf's liver), which is usually served with boiled potatoes, could be the first to

go.
"We advise consumers to avoid beef offal." Marie-Jeanne Husset, Editor of the consumer journal 60 Million Consumers, said, adding that the advisory would remain in place until the scientific community had reached a conclumission of BSE to human

Where the average British palate tends to baulk at eating mimal parts intended for thinking, digesting or excreting, virtually no organ is excluded from the French pot. Intestines, udders, liver, heart, lungs, brains and kidneys are all included in the

French definition of edible its food as seriously as France. Open a certain French ency-clopaedia at the word "food" Last week. an English visitor to Paris ordered museau and you will find the warning: de boeuf, assuming it to be "Do not read or watch telesome particularly succulent steak. When informed that vision while eating. The secretion of digestive juices is stimulated by the sight, smell and feel of food ... many he was about to be presented with vinegared beef muzzle, she paled and abruptly digestive problems are caused changed her order.

Although the French refer

by paying insufficient attention to the food on the plate." In a country where cooking is a combination of art, science and religion, beef offal is a central part of the repertoire of every great chef. The notion that it may be dangerous is little short of revolutionary. However, according to an unscientific survey conducted yesterday, many French diners have reacted to the latest culinary caveat in the traditional way: by ignoring it

At a restaurant near the Paris office of The Times, one of the regular customers was tucking into tête de veau (veal head) without an apparent care in the world. When asked what he thought of the new warning against eating offal, his reply was succinct: "Quelles betises", which can be translated only as "What a load of tripe".





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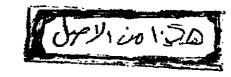




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# farmers THE TIMES WEDNESDAY AFRILL. Dutch MPs vote to Lamosexuals give homosexuals marriage rights

THE Dutch parliament voted vesterday to grant homosexual partners all the legal rights and duties of married couples, a step which would put The Netherlands far ahead of any other European state in the area of gay rights.

However, the coalition government, which had earlier backed the idea of legal samesex marriage contracts, indicated that it was having second thoughts in the light of the damage this could inflict on the country's already tarnished image as the home of

legal drugs.
Elisabeth Schmitz, Social
Affairs Minister, told the parliament that the Cabinet would review its vote and report on its legislative plans in several weeks. The Government the motion, but a political storm is certain if it ignores parliament's wishes.

The parliament is backing a draft law under which homosexuals who register their union with the authorities would benefit from all the social security and pension rights of heterosexual spouses. For tax purposes, gay couples would benefit from married status, including the rules of inheritance of property, pen-sion and rights over children from any previous relationship. They would also be allowed to adopt children but not those of foreign birth.

For several years Dutch town halls have allowed homosexual couples to register their unions as "partner-

ship contracts" and liberal Protestant clergy have cele-brated their bond at weddingtype ceremonies. Yesterday's vote, if enacted as law, would give gay partnership much greater legal status, going beyond that of same-sex couples in Denmark, Norway and Sweden who are given limited legal recognition after reg-

The Government said its overall aim was to adapt family law to the evolution of a society which, as well as marriage, recognises other forms of common life".

istration".

Some conservative and Catholic critics have suggested

### Hawaii set to break US ban

New York: A Hawaii court in August may pave the way for legal homosexual marriage across the United States (Quentin Letts writes).

As a result of a longrunning legal action by Ninia Baehr and Genora Dancel, a lesbian couple, Hawaii will have to prove a "compelling interest" for its present ban on gay marriages. If the case goes against the state, homosexual weddings would probably have to be recognised throughout the United States under the Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause, which binds the various states honour each other's

that Queen Beatrix might withhold royal assent from a gay marriage Act although most commentators consider such a step implausible.
The Queen has made

known in recent years that she has grown weary of her country's position as the fount of Europe's most controversial social legislation. The Netherlands is under especially heavy fire from France over its drugs policy. President Chirac has cited it as a main reason for his refusal to open French frontiers to passport-free travel despite France's commitment to do so under the Schengen treaty.

Gay rights groups said the proposed new law did not go far enough because it discriminated against homosexual couples who wanted to adopt children abroad.

European Union officials in Brussels said they were studying the implications of the possible Dutch law. Legal marriages in any member state are recognised by all the

In London Stonewall, the gay rights pressure group, said last night that Britain may be forced to recognise the legality of gay marriages as a result of the Dutch move.

Mark Watson, who is in charge of "partnerships" at the group, said: "This is an amazing decision. I predict that up to 1,000 gay couples may go to Holland to take advantage of this new law, and Britain would be obliged to recognise their marital status.



Sir Peter Ustinov, actor, playwright and director, in 1987

### Germans throw party for man of many roles

Critics were most enthu-

siastic about his podgy

Nero in Quo Vadis and

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It seems, said the Ber-

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Plainly he is an accom-

plished novelist; his

tenth novel appeared in

1990. He has also written

20 plays and nine screen-

plays. His caricatures have displayed graphic

talent, exhibitions of his

photographs have been much praised. Sir Peter

also has an international

reputation as an opera

and theatre director.

Tagesspiegel concluded

there was only one miss-ing talent: architecture.

Even this is open to

argument since, follow-

ing in the footsteps of his

French mother, he has a

high reputation as a

Sir Peter is also a very

designer of theatre sets.

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nist and a regular

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of television documenta-

ries. The one-man show

however, highlighted his

talent to amuse, both as

an aphorist and a mimic.

Laughter has always

struck me as the most civilised of human

noises," he said.

"little grey cells" in Death on the Nile.

SIR Peter Ustinov yes-terday celebrated his 75th birthday in characteristic style — talking wittily in a foreign language to 1,000 prominent guests, including former German two Presidents and the present head of state, Roman Herzog.

Germany put on the one-man gala show in Berlin in part because the country has some claim on the actor's ancestry. Sir Peter's Russian grandfather emigrated to Württemberg and his father, a journalist, became press attaché at the German Embassy in London until he was dismissed by Hitler's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop. Germany takes lineage Kinkel, the present Foreign Minister, was one of many politicians to send congratulations to the British-born, Westminster-educated actor. director and writer.

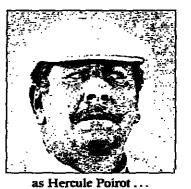
Pinpointing Sir Peter's nationality has always been a problem for outsiders: apart from his Russian and German blood and British upbringing, he has French, Italian and even Ethiopian ancestors; his main residence is in Switzerland. Sir Peter narrows himself down to being a "European".

The plaudits yesterday had similar difficulties in identifying his chief claim to fame. Most settled on his acting, includ-





in Romanoff and Juliet ...





and in party mood yesterday

# 'Citizen O' admits killing at least 40 in Ukraine villages

procedures.

FROM LESIA RUDAKEWICH IN KIEV AND THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

POLICE in Ukraine said yesterday that they were holding a former forestry student on suspicion of carrying out one of the worst murder sprees in

recent European history. " re" :: man detained on Sunday evening in the town of Yavorov. western Ukraine, had confessed to more than 40 murders across the country. The man, identified only as "Citizen O", was a native of the town of Zhitomir. He was carrying a hunting rifle that matched the murder weapon in several of the killings and had jewellery and video equipment, which may have belonged to some of his victims.

This is the first time in Ukraine's modern history that one man has committed so many murders." Leonid Boro-

and of tripe

dich, the First Deputy Interior He would then kill any wit-Minister, said. This is a terrible crime. It has caused Ukraine a great deal of pain." He said the detained man was "psychologically normal".

across ilkraine last month after eight families were brutally murdered in a killing spree that began at the end of last year. Most of the victims were from remote villages in the Lvov region near the border with Poland. There were so many killings in one village, Bratkovichi, that troops were sent to patrol streets and villagers kept their lights burning through the night.

The murders followed a set pattern. The murderer chose an isolated house and shot everyone inside, including the children, with a hunting rifle.

nesses and set fire to the house. The first victims were four members of a family in Bratkovichi, who were killed and their house torched. witnesses were killed not long after in the same village.

When police imposed a security cordon on Bratkovichi, the murderer moved to other villages and then committed a wave of killings across the country. He travelled by rail and left almost no clues.

"Citizen O" looks likely to join the "Rostov Ripper" as one of the grisliest serial killers of the former Soviet Union. The "Rostov Ripper", Andrei Chikatilo, killed more than 50 victims in southern Russia over a 17-year period and was executed in 1994.

### Secret Russian complex exposed

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

secretly constructing a vast underground military complex in the southern Ural Mountains, the Clinton Administration said yesterday.

The complex is being built inside Yamantau mountain by tens of thousands of workers, covers an area the size of Washington and is served by its own railway and road. State Department spokesmen said the Administration did not know what its purpose was, but other American officials suggested it could be anything from a nuclear command centre to a weapons production plant.

The project was started in the early 1980s or earlier, when the Cold War was at its peak, and has for years been monitored by American spy satellites. However, its disclosure by The New York Times just before President Clinton meets President Yeltsin in Moscow this weekend will embarrass both

Russia has been complain-



ing that it lacks the money to implement recent arms reduction treaties, and it receives millions of dollars annually to help with the dismantling of its nuclear arsenal on condition that all new military projects are strictly defensive.

man insisted that the United States had no evidence to suggest the complex violated that condition, but he admitted the Russians had fobbed off previous American attempts to discover what it was by saying it had "nothing to do with arms control agreements or rearmament and is none of your business". He acknowledged that Mr Clinton would probably be forced by yesterday's disclosure to

revive the issue this weekend. "We can't say with confidence what the purpose is, and the Russians are not very interested in having us go in there," another official said.

Mr Clinton and other members of the world's G7 leading industrialised countries are meeting in Moscow this weekend to discuss ways to combat black-market trafficking in nuclear materials.

### Cold War's end brings land bonus for civilians

By Michael Evans DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 8,000 military sites covering a million hectares will have been handed over to civilian use around the world by the turn of the century, according to research

published vesterday. The global trend in base closures since the end of the of an uninterrupted arms race, is highlighted in a book by the

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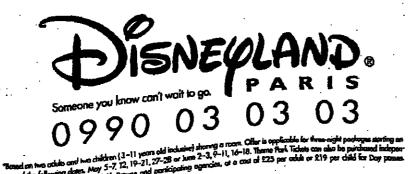
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# US makes progress in forging Lebanon truce

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

INTENSE negotiations spearheaded by America made progress vesterday towards drawing up an agreement to halt the week-old Israeli offensive in Lebanon, cement a long-term deal that could halt the tit-for-tat attacks across Israel's northern border, and facilitate peace talks between

Israel and Syria. As Israel's ground and air barrage against alleged terrorist targets inside Lebanon continued, Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister. was shown a draft of the document and a senior Israeli source expressed confidence that the deal would be completed within a few days. However, Operation Grapes of Wrath would continue "to make sure that the message gets through that attacking us, now or in the future, will be an action that will always hurt and exact a heavy price", the source said. The Washington-brokered

plan stipulates that:

Lebanon guarantees the security of residents of settlements in northern Israel. Rocket attacks on northern

Israel stop. ☐ Guerrilla attacks against soldiers inside Israel's selfproclaimed security zone in for an Israeli declaration that it will pull out of the south if there are no guerrilla attacks for nine months.

Syria guarantees the agree-

ment and sets up a mechanism to implement it. There was a two minute lull at 10am in the offensive as sirens sounded throughout the

tims of the Holocaust. To drive home the message that any organisation assist-

Jewish state for a silence to

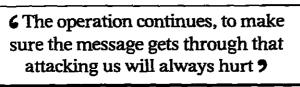
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tying a deal to an eventual Mr Peres is understood to withdrawal from the south have made clear to his three-Lebanese buffer zone it estabman negotiating team - Ehud lished in 1985, Syria and Barak, Foreign Minister, Uri Savir, Foreign Ministry Direc-Lebanon can be persuaded to tor-General; and Yoel Zinger, play a part in restraining, and Foreign Ministry legal adviser eventually winding up, Hezbollah activity. - that a ceasefire will only be Diplomats recognise that implemented once a document is agreed that goes beyond

the problem in securing implevague limitations on military mentation will be to provide guarantees and winning the Senior figures in the Israeli tacit co-operation of Iran. defence establishment have

Without commenting on the substance of the peace plan, Mr Barak, a former Chief of Staff and a key player in the ruling Labour Party's campaign for re-election in the Israeli elections to be held on May 29, said: "I expect the bombing of Lebanon to continue despite intensive efforts to end the fighting, even in

The first hint of the extent of came when Mr Savir left more than 60 foreign ambassadors stranded in Jerusalem's Laromme Hotel for a meeting on Monday morning he was unable to attend because of the negotiations. Later, none too eased by the upset, the foreign envoys were told to come to see him instead at the Prime Minister's Office in



ing the Iranian-backed Hezbollah would be held accountdeal with the Palestinians. Israeli planes attacked a building inside the sprawling Palestinian refugee camp of Ein el-Hilweh, near the port city of Sidon. An Israeli Army spokesman said the building belonged to Brigade 13 of the Palestinian rejectionst group Black September, which was opposed to the peace deal signed in Washington.

that any premature ending of the present offensive would be According to commentators,

been arguing with Mr Peres

Mr Peres is having to balance the improvement in his standing with Israeli voters resulting from the new Lebanon offensive with American displeasure if it was to continue for too long. The Americans are the only

diplomatic game in town," one

# Rockets reopen religious rift

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN BEIRUT

IT TOOK just seconds to cause millions of pounds of destruction and plunge Beirut into darkness, "Two Israeli jets came in low and fired six rockets into the power station," said Philippe Hadat, 40. a Maronite Christian la-

bourer who watched the attack from his flat. There was a huge noise. the earth shook, and they were gone." Grim-faced, he added: "We can thank

Hezbollah for this." As he spoke, despondent officials picked through the wreckage of the Bsaleem substation in the pine-clad hills five miles northeast of the capital. the air still pungent with the smell of smouldering rubber. Twisted pylons dangled from a web of torn cables over shattered concrete supports. An old sign on the

broken perimeter wall read: Entry Forbidden: Danger Of For the Lebanese Govern-

ment, Israel is doing more than just overburdening it with several thousand displaced people. The humanitarian crisis was set to intensify as Israeli radio warned that the army might include the refugee-swollen city of Sidon in its attack zone after airstrikes were carried out there yesterday on the base of a radical Palestinian

The Lebanese Government is convinced Israel is trying to blackmail it into curbing Hezbollah in two other ways. First, by targeting Lebanon's infrastructure, just as the Government is spending billions on reconstruction after the devastation of the country's 15-year civil war. Three power substations have been hit, and Beirut airport, the country's window on the world, has been in the line of

Second, and even more alarming, government officials believe Israel is trying to tear open the old sectarian wounds of the civil war.

The Bsaleem substation is in Lebanon's Christian heartland. Here, unlike the impoverished Shia refugees from southern Lebanon, few regarded Hezboliah as courageous freedom fighters. The organisation's austere way of life and radical values are alien to the Francophile

Hezbollah's resistance to Israel is futile. They should stop the rocket attacks at once," said Mary Khouri, 26,

a smartly dressed mother of two. "It's us who are suffering now. It's our children without electricity, us without televisions or washing machines. The crazies of God [Hezbollah| want to die anyway."

At the end of Lebanon's prolonged civil conflict, which all Lebanese are trying desperately to put behind them, the Christians turned on each other with demoralising brutality. Since the latest hostilities with Israel, Mrs Khouri has not crossed into mainly Muslim west Beirut.

Such action dismays the Government which has tried hard to forge a new nation from the ashes of civil war. A senior Lebanese official accused Israel of "trying to create new ethnic hatreds the younger among



Presidents Clinton and Kim Young Sam of South Korea on their way to a press conference yesterday after talks about tension in the Korean peninsula

### Flattering 6 backdrop to Clinton star role

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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

HAD it not been election year in America, President Clinton and South Korea's President Kim Young Sam might have been pictured around some dreary Seoul conference table."-

As it was, their meeting took place on Monday on the more picturesque island of Chejur where they posed before a brilliant yellow mustard fieldoffset by an American flag.

It was an image Americans will remember long after they have forgotten what the meeting was about. It cast Mr. Clinton in a flattering light -: calm, statesmanlike. Mark it down as another triumph for the half-dozen White House "lead advance people" whose job is to search out visually arresting sites for presidential: photo-opportunities.

It was they who had Mr Clinton and President Yeltsin gazing across the Hudson river at glorious autumn foliage when they met last: October. It was they who had the shrubbery cut back so Bill Boris could be photographed on a headland above the Pacific during their 1993 dream, and other people rein us in," says Josh King, Mr Clinton's grandly named Director of Production for Presidential Events.

Last month, when Mr Clinton attended an international anti-terrorism summit in Sinai, he took Mort Engelberg, a Hollywood producer. His shots of the President as world ... leader will doubtless resurface in campaign commercials this

Foreign travel gives MC Clinton an enormous advantage over Bob Dole, his Republican opponent. It enables : him to look thoroughly presidential as he mingles with other leaders. Mr Dole spent Monday campaigning in Pennsylvania, where he was pictured drinking a chocolate milkshake.

President Clinton arrived in Japan last night for talks designed to bind the two nations more closely in an effective strategy for the maintenance of stability in the Far-East. Mr Clinton has to demonstrate that he is fighting hard for American access to Japan's closed markets.

# North Korea rejects American peace call

By MICHAEL EVANS

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A PEACE initiative announced yesterday during President Clinton's visit to South Korea was immediately rejected by a senior North Korean official, increasing speculation about Pyongyang's intenions towards its southern neighbour.

After three incursions across the border by North Korean forces this month, operation which would undermine all efforts to forge lasting peaceful relations

between the two Koreas. Mr Clinton and President Kim Young Sam of South Korea invited North Korea and China to join talks aimed at securing permanent peace on the Korean peninsula. However, their peace initiative, unveiled on the South Korean resort

there are fears that Pyongyang may be island of Cheju, immediately ran into-considering a more ambitious military trouble, when North Korea's Ambassador to Moscow dismissed it and, Russiaalso insisted on a role. Mr Clinton said the talks could begin immediately and without conditions. He ruled out bilateral talks with Pyongyang.

Western intelligence services, attempting to predict North Korea's next moves. have not ruled out Pyongyang mounting a series of infiltrations.

### Blast adds weight to ambitions of Imran

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

THE bomb that wrecked part of the Lahore hospital founded by Imran Khan has enhanced the former Pakistan cricketer's standing in a country that adores him. His enemies miscalculated. His impending attempt to become Prime Minister, probably on a platform of Islamic conservatism, is both certain and viable.

The explosion demonstrates how serious a threat he is perceived to be. He seemed a misfit in his country before reinventing himself in the past year, and "King Khan", as he is known, has emerged as a symbol of hope for a nation gripped by drugs, poverty, amoral politics and virtual civil war. Discredited establishment politicians have good reason to fear a man of such impeccable record and mass appeal. Hence the bomb.

He criticises politicians of all parties, which is well received at the grassroots but it has created enemies for him. "They are corrupt to the core." he tells crowds. They have devoured the wealth of this nation, yet they thirst for more. Hang me from the Minar-í-Pakistan if you find that I have embezzled any

money from the hospital.~ For more than a year he has been talking politics while denying political ambitions, but people are used to his inconsistencies. The party he is about to form will principally target Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, a feudal landlord for whom he has ill-

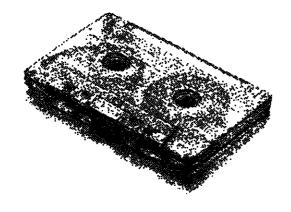


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# English-speakers suffer wrath of Quebec militants

From Quentin Letts in New York

ENGLISH-SPEAKERS in Montreal have been harried, fined and, in a handful of cases, threatened with death by militant French-speakers.

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Six months after the referendum on the sovereignty of Quebec, in which the Frenchbacked independence movement narrowly failed to achieve "50 per cent plus one", there is unease among anglophones in the province's main city. Hospital closures and job losses have fuelled suspicions of anti-English prejudice among local bureaucrats.

A shadowy francophone organisation, the Mouvement de Libération du Québec, has blacklisted 22 companies it considers pro-English. Anonymous letters carrying a picture of an armed French revoluionary have been sent to some senior anglophone business-men. A second list, of enemies of the people", include the leaders of the anglophone Equality Party.

The Mouvement also published the home telephone number of an English-speaking black cartoonist who lampooned francophone leaders. The surname of the cartoonist is Bonaparte. Some of the francophone toughs who telephoned him not only accused him of being a racist but also threatened to kill him.

Keith Henderson, leader of the Equality Party, has had

the same experience. He answered his telephone at home one night to be told, by a gruff French voice, that "military means should be used to expunge your people from Quebec soil". Another advo-

"Parlez français!"

English is spoken.

workers on Sunday saw ener-

getic contributions from the

cate for anglophone rights, Brent Tyler, has had up to four death threats, all made late at night", and a francophone lawyer who has shared a platform with Mr Tyler has been ostracised by his family. Until now the aggression has been on the fringes, but the Office de la Langue Fran-

caise, the "language police", clumsily cranked up tensions when its agents seized Passover supplies this month. The special cake mixes, biscuits and sweets, made in New York, did not have bilingual wrappings and were therefore illegal. One prominent Jew. Mark Kotler, said: "No one apologised for the raid. This was anti-Semitism."

English-speaking people are leaving the province. The English-language population of Quebec dropped from 789,185 in 1971 to 626,600 in 1991, and hearsay evidence suggests that the thrust for an independent Quebec has led others to leave this attractive city. It remains a pretty place to visit, but an ugliness dwells beneath the surface. Laurie Heitner, a frail old Englishspeaker, said she was becom-



The singer Madonna and Carlos Leon, the Cuban-born fitness club manager who is the father of her child

### Madonna with child

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

UNLIKE a virgin, the singer Madonna, 37. has completed her metamorphosis from sex symbol to earth mother. She is four months pregnant and "deliriously happy", her publicist confirms.

As famous nowadays for sexual candour as for her pop songs, Madonna — full name Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone — announced her pregnancy in Budapest, where she is filming Alan Parker's version of the musi-

The father of her child will be Carlos Leon, 29, a Cubanborn New York fitness club manager whom she met 18 months ago while jogging in Manhattan's Central Park. Madonna, who was married for four years to actor Sean Penn, and Mr Leon are equally delighted at the prospect, according to the singer's public relations team.

"Madonna doesn't want this to be a big deal, but I don't know how she thinks it won't be a big deal." Liz Rosenberg, her chief spokes-woman, told New York columnist Liz Smith.



Actress Patsy Kensit with Oasis singer Liam Gallagher

# Oasis tour bogs down

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE American tour by Oasis, the British pop phenomenon, was in chaos yesterday after the lead guitarist was struck down by tonsillitis, forcing the cancellation of two concerts.

Thousands of fans of the band, touted as Britain's most exciting pop export since The Beatles, were disappointed when Oasis cancelled its Los Angeles concert barely two hours before it was due to start on Monday. Yesterday's concert in Phoenix, Arizona, was also cancelled, while to-

night's in Denver was at the mercy of guitarist Noel Gallagher's doctors.

The impression of a tour collapsing under the pressures of band members' personal problems was strengthened when actress Patsy Kensit, girlfriend of the lead singer, Liam, abruptly left the group to fly home to London. Ms Kensit, who is pregnant, shouted angrily at a photographer at Los Angeles airport before flying home alone. Her relationship reportedly had turned stormy.

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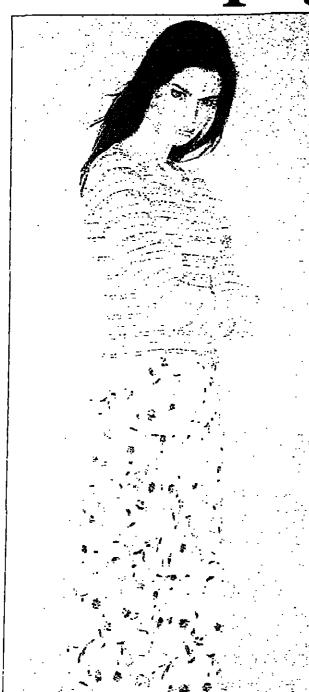
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# All things bright and psychedelic



Put away your little black numbers and think florals, stripes and wild, wild colour — the international catwalks are awash with every hue and pattern

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of snock. If there was one unifying element which emerged during the latest collections from London, Paris, Milan and New York, it has to be the shock of colour... and lots of it. The front rows at the shows, a long liquorice lace of black, black and more black, were the antithesis of the clashing citrus brights. shrieking neon shades and more practical pastel hues paraded on the catwalks.

bright. Florals and stripes still pro-Print provided perhaps the vide the easiest entre to pat-

such a long time, with few designers breaking the mini-malistic mould. However, this season these wildly patterned outfits suddenly looked right again. The catwalks were with Technicolor dream-clothes: florals, stripes, checks. Pucci-style geometric patterns, animal prints and swirling scribble designs in the vibrant colours of a child's crayon box. Blistering and

tern. They were certainly evhas been plain, plain, plain for erywhere. Flower prints posibloomed international catwalks. From Krizia's spriggy blooms on gauzy black chiffon spaghettistrap dresses, or faded floral prints on flesh-coloured dresses, to Katharine Hamnett's flashy sequinned florals and the opulent beadwork of Giorgio Armani. In London the young design

"ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS!"

team Clements Ribeiro used 1950s wallpaper designs as parterned collection.

inspiration for their boldly At Gucci. designer Tom

and white paint-drip stripes mismatched blue and white Op-Art stripe shirts. Gianni Versace featured citrus stripes in his Versus line, colouring silky shirtdresses and little knitted polo shirts. Even Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons, who is famous for her love affair with black, showed an unrelenting bar-

rage of neon bright stripes. In America wacky Todd Oldham offered multicoloured sweetie-paper stripes and spiky Missoni-esque zigzags in apple green, dark pink and ochre. The Missoni connection is not accidental. The Italian husband and wife design team, Tai and Rosita Missoni. are celebrating 40 years in the business and a renewed interest in their colourful knitwear designs has surely provided the best birthday present they could have wished for.

Suddenly hip young stylists are running around town in the duo's stripy skinny knits, and anyone over the age of 30 who owns one of their original designs is proudly parading it. The Missonis' look is instantly recognisable — psychedelic colourways knitted into computer-generated techno stripes, futuristic zigzags and graphic floral designs. While fashion persists in plundering the past and revisits the 1970s. the Missonis will continue to receive floral tributes of their

Often designers mix the two, like Prada's teal blue, white and milk chocolate stripes worn with mauve and lime flowery prints. These outfits take a retro trip backwards in time. Think Susan Dey in The Partridge Family, the popular American TV show which starred David Cassidy, or back issues of Look Now. the 1980s teen fashion magazine. The look is essentially bright and cheerful. Happy, smiley clothes for happy, smiley people.



TOP FAR LEFT: Yellow, red and lime stripe sweater, £27, Benetton, selected branches White floral print midi-skirt, £150, Sonia Rykiel — Inscriptions, Browns. 23-27 South Molton Street,

top, £135, floral print trousers, £400, Missoni, Browns, 23-27 South Molton Street, W1 (0171 491 7833). Fortnum & Mason. Piccadilly. White flip-flop

TOP RIGHT: Pale blue. chocolate brown, orange, yellow and white cashmere weater, £286; pink, yellow, pale blue and white buttonthrough cotton dress, £300,

Harrods (0171-409 7719) ABOVE: Black, red, yellow and blue stripe sweater. £260, black floral midi-skirt, £150, Sonia Rykiel ---Inscriptions, Browns, as above

Clements Ribeiro, Liberty,



RIGHT ABOVE: Green, yellow and pink twinset: cardigan, £41, top. £29, Benetton, selected branches nationwide. Zigzag blue and white flared trousers, £210, Missoni, as above

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### Royalty, pain and the final farewell apart from the fact that it is hard to deduce exactly what anyone means by this — a will really damage the Royal Family is unlikely. The Prin-cess of Wales's evidence so far ing returns. With each new instalment of the not so merry wives of Windsor, we are a little less shocked. The anpalace coup by green-shaded editors and their hack-accomhardly puts the family in a good light, but while the of the Duke and nouncement of the Yorks' diplices, perhaps - it seems adverse publicity may be disvorce comes so swiftly upon **Duchess of** unbelievable that there will tasteful to them, it cannot the story that they had an open ever be much pressure for the injure the monarchy. tabloids to destroy their chief marriage, and would continue York has once A devout republican cannot to sleep with whomsoever they source of copy. But again, we be convinced we should have a get back to the point: the chose but also with one again put the monarchy however fine and another, that it is hard not to outrage, real or more often upstanding individual mem-bers of the Royal Family deduce that there came an **Royal Family** feigned, provoked by the beorder from on high. In short, haviour or marital history of might prove them themselves the divorce is an attempt at back on a soap members of the Royal Family to be, anymore than a monardamage limitation. Is it too late for all opera footing

NOW that the Church of England is considering offering services to help divorcees mark the end of their marriage, it must be presumed that divorce, even the divorce of a member of the Royal Family, has lost its power to

shock. I do not say that divorce has lost its power to hurt; one would hate facetiously to sweep aside the anxieties and possible sufferings of children. But these are private concerns. The questions are: is the divorce of the Duke and Duchess of York a public concern? Should it be?

The answer to both questions has to be no. Very few of us are untainted by an appetite for gossip, but that is not quite the same thing. But it does not and cannot matter to us whether Andrew and Fergie are joined or torn asunder. And it makes no difference constitutionally. Frankly, after the litany of disasters that constitute the Royal Family, one is too punch-drunk to muster much of a response. There have been too many gory details to read about over the past few years for one tidy little amputation now to raise many

The shock, anyway, came their separation. Their union had always been so publicly physical. During their engagement and in the early days of their marriage, they made it clear, obvious you could say, that they couldn't take their hands off one another. Of course, it may be

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Even at the age of 80 Lord Menuhin still

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that one should always be suspicious of those who make demonstrations of affection in public, but it seems that the closeness was genuine. Sex may not be everything. as we are constantly told these days, but it's not nothing. either. Marriages that fail are normally marriages which have foundered

sexually. From the outside, the Prince and Princess of Wales's marriage always looked like a cold union: their separation may have shocked more as a constitutional matter, but on a basic, human or emotional level, the failure of the Yorks' marriage gave more of a jolt.

Even so, everything is sus-

that? It is hard not to conclude enough damage has been done, that nothing anyone could do now could stop the rot. And yet, such talk would be rather beside the point. The Queen must surely be dismayed to have the monarchy held up to ridicule and to have her family lampooned. She must be irked that her children and their spouses have between them brought, as it were, the game into disrepute. But whatever she does, however badly her children behave, is in fact of no consequence. It is important to remember

By which, I don't mean that the behaviour of the Royal Family might not appear to have ramifications, or that we might not have an

opinion on it. But the point about our monarchy is that it exists and will continue to exist, regardless of how well or badly members of behave. It doesn't take a particularly good historian to see that it has survived jolts rather worse divorces. Story after story is printed about the rising unpopularity of the Royal Family. but the Royal Family doesn't depend on popularity for its existence. That's the whole point of it.

Similarly, there is no point ever asking - as countless poils do whether we think the Prince of Wales would make a good King or not. Whatever we think couldn't is immaterial. take their

These days, it doesn't do to look as if you scorn popular opinion. So I can see that the Royal Family must appear to pay lin service to it. But

it cannot be more than that. Who marries whom, who divorces whom: none of this is to the point. If you believe in blue blood, then what does it matter in whose veins it flows? Much is spoken about incip-

ient republicanism in this country. Why, it is said tremulously, the tabloids are just waiting for an excuse to get rid of the Royal Family. Quite

chist would wish to overthrow the Royal Family on account of the bad behaviour of

any of its number. Those loyal to the crown might, it is true, wish for the Royal Family to behave better in the first place, but that is only because they would wish to maintain the fiction of its superiority. But even so, they know it is not really to do with

Besides, with getting on for half the married population due to divorce, it would seem strange to view the dissolution of a marriage as an evil which must on no account happen. One could indeed view this announcement of the Yorks' divorce as a concession to modern values, rather than a shock to the system. Upper-class philandering is not tolerated in the way

it was in Edward VII's time: these days the middle classes want divorce and so this is

what they must have. This may, then, be a purely cynical exercise. We can have no inkling as to whether the Duke and Duchess of York themselves wish it, nor can speculation make us any the wiser. Like most gestures of course, it is, as the cliche goes, an empty one. But I think it was ever apparent that if there had to be a sacrifice, it was always going to be poor



Nigella Lawson

The divorce of the Yorks

might well help the Royal Family, not because more leaks would damage it, but because it puts it all back on soap opera course. Thus we're thrown off the real scent. It is oread and circuses. The putative divorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales

is of a more serious nature. It does concern, after all, the heir to the throne and it does, or might seem to, throw up questions as to the succession. Whether in reality even that

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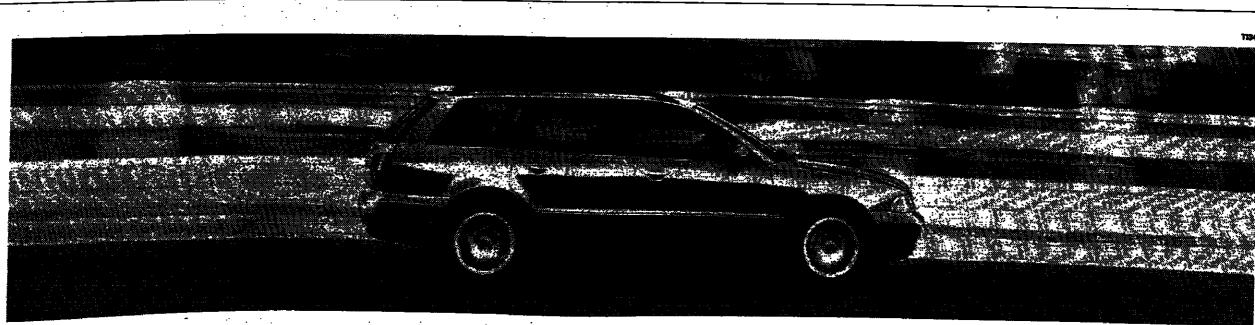
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Before the dream turned sour: the Duke and Duchess boarding a plane at Heathrow to leave for their honeymoon

### Alan Coren



### This month's new tax regulations are a load of rubbish

ere endeth the first week of the rest of my life. It endeth badly, and it bodeth worse: because the here it endeth at is beside the midnight dustbin, whence I can see stretched out before me enough boding to last until that moment when my life has no rest left. This is because what is literally stretched out before me, spread from the bin, ill-met by moonlight, is the domestic detritus of that first week. And, since you ask, the reason I have one hand inside this chicken carcass while the other is shaking old tea-bags onto the path is because Sunday night is when I do my accounts. I did not always do them in the dustbin, mind, I used to do them in the study, scribbling from memory into a little red book with a large Bell's in the fist currently up the chicken, but that was in the blissful days before the first

week of the rest of my life.

For it was also the first week of the rest of the Inland Revenue's life: the week it launched new tax obligations on the self-employed, obliging them henceforth to employ themselves primarily in the collecnon of every scrap of paper bearing upon their fiscal lives. Be they never so scrappy, these now have to be produced whenever the taxman decrees, they must be the originals. and they must be kept for six years on pain of a £3,000 fine, per annum, for non-producrion. I cannot, any longer, scribble "To purchase of Who's Who, £95" in my little red book in the sure and certain knowledge that. come next April, my kindly taxman will reimburse me 40 per cent for this essential professional handmaiden, I now have to show him the Waterstone bill which could well be inside this chicken, hang on no it isn't, time to spread those old coffee grounds about a bit, but if that's where it is it'll be browned to illegibility by now, eliciting nothing from HM Inspector save an invita-tion to pull this one, never mind £3,000 for making an unsubstantiated claim.

I know I had the bill when I came out of the shop on Wednesday, but all is a blank thereafter. I may have chewed it up on the bus. I have done that all my life with tickets, stared out of the window, chewed; this has not so far stopped me from claiming business travelling expenses, but it will now, it is goodbye staring and chewing. Her Majesty wants to see the tickets, chop-chop.

So did I, then, go on to the Waterstone bill as a main course, as I once followed an Awayday with a tasty dry-cleaning ticket, and the man said, trousers, what trousers?

There's a different problem with Monday's newsagent bill. I went in to buy two box files, one to be neatly labelled "Outgoing", one "Incoming", for all my nice new paperwork, and I was going to make the bill for this professional outgoing the first to be punched and filed, until I looked at it and saw that it had not itemised two nonprofessional Mars bars and a carton of Silk Cut, it was just a globalised till-receipt, i cannot file that, the Inspector would be on it like a ferret, "£38.60 for box files. I was not born yesterday, sunshine, take him down!"

nd I shall have to read all junk mail, now. I gather that, among all the air miles, free T-shirts, cut-price potholing breaks, prize socket-sets, etc. the building society. AA, BT, or whatever, often pops in a statement. You have to have these. now, or you get slung in pokey.

I took a cab to the BBC on Tuesday, and, unprecedentedly, asked the driver for a receipt, whereupon he in his turn asked me to do him a favour, and drove off. I may have to give up cabs. And plumbers: the reason this chicken carcass is still whole is that the waste disposal is on the fritz. I am waiting for the plumber, cash, no receipt, but I still used to jot such items in the little red book, I got 10 per cent against household expenses. Try it now and the taxman could well contact the plumber for documentary corroboration. and the plumber would be round to my premises like a shot. A big man, never without a heavy spanner.

There's always the chance the Waterstone bill was in my shirt pocket. Something was, before it was a little soggy ball stuck in the washing machine filter. Might have been my bank statement, though; I remember thinking, it's an offence not to file these, I'll put it somewhere safe. Hitherto, of course, inside a chicken would have been as good a place as any. But not now. Now is the rest of my life.

DISPLAYING all the unorthodox

energies he showed in the former

Yugoslavia, General Sir Michael

Rose seems to be thriving in his

new job as the Army's Adjutant

General. Speaking at a conference

in London yesterday, he described

two incidents which typify the

Rose approach to what some

might have thought would be a

rather dreary desk job for the

former SAS officer, overseeing

Rose told of the formidable

sergeant-major of his own regi-

ment, the Coldstream Guards,

who took it upon himself to help

his boss in his campaign to boost

Taking advantage of the cash

bonuses which can be offered to

soldiers as an incentive to stay in

the Army, the sergeant-major

lined up 43 guardsmen, who had

requested to leave, in a room with

two tables. On one table was a pile

of banknotes. The other was bare.

recounted, that they could leave by

one door empty-handed or by the

other with £1,000 if they stayed in

the Army. "The soldiers took the

money," crowed Rose.

The guardsmen were told, Rose

personnel and discipline.

declining numbers.

Rose blooms

Rose found himself chatting to a

recruiting sergeant. Looking him

straight in the eye. Rose asked whether he would be prepared to

consider enlisting a teenager who

had "taken away a bicycle, was

drunk in charge of the bicycle and

was riding it without lights". The

sergeant, baffled at the question,

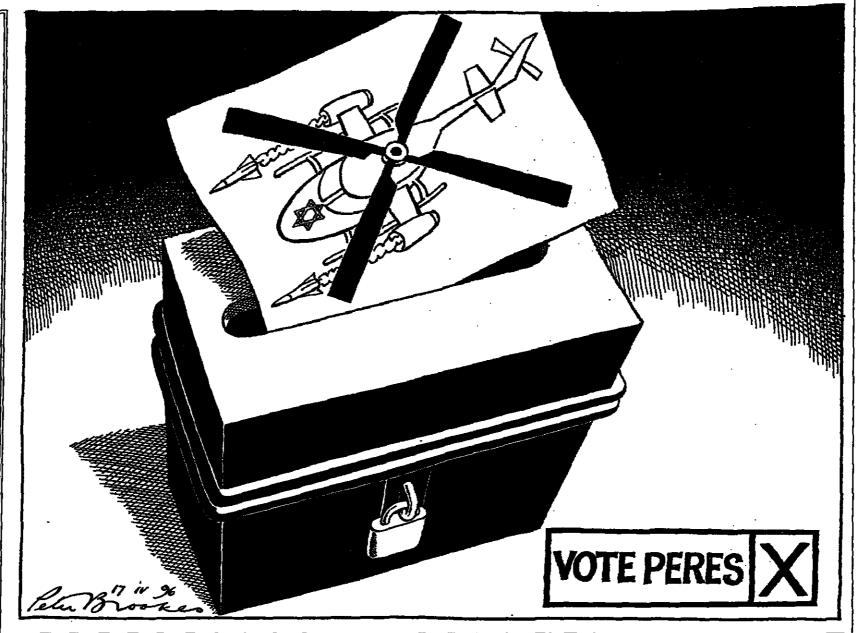
said yes, he would. Right answer.

"Good," said Rose, "because that

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was me."



# Beef, butchery and Kafka

t last we have a hero in the great beef saga. He is that yeoman of the carvery, that Falstaff of the shires, the British beef eater. To hell with the headlines, he has said. To hell with "a million deaths" and "worse than Aids", with equivocating ministers and squea-mish Eurocrats. To hell with the politics of unreason. Read the small print, says our hero. The risk in eating British beef is trivial. At the last count, sales of beef in the shops were at 85 per cent of the pre-scare levels and sales of steak and

joints are actually up.

Over Easter I was reckless. I took
my life in my hands and visited a farm. Many urban readers of this newspaper will be unaware of the fury of cattle farmers at what they see as the crass idiocy of the public debate on BSE. Almost every meadow in the West Country is planted with a placard, begging passers-by not to be deceived by publicity and pleading for the lives of its cows. I find it unimaginable that any London policymaker could have contemplated incinerating every cow in every field on every farm in Britain, and for so febrile a reason as to "restore public confidence".

Yesterday the Agriculture Minister. Douglas Hogg, promised the beef industry a cool £200 million in compensation for recent market disturbances. He all but nationalised the slaughterhouse industry with £110 million to save firms from bankruptcy. This is the sort of bailing out of overcapacity that Tories used to excoriate Labour governments for. I cannot see any justification for this money. But then I cannot see any reason for denying British beef access to markets, nor for a policy of slaughter (which is said to be imminent), and I see absolutely none for compensating farmers or renderers with public money.

This industry took a calculated risk, widely acknowledged, in feeding offal tissue to cows. If farmers feel cheated by a supplier, they should do what other businesses do and sue. Farmers are not benefits claimants; not yet. Their incomes rose last year faster than any other occupational group - except perhaps utility executives. Milk quotas are ludicrously valuable. If an inspector closes a hotel or refuses a planning application or finds that a motor car has a faulty component, the victim does not run blubbing to the Government for money. He goes bankrupt. Why is the Treasury such a soft touch for farmers? Mr Hogg said there was no case for a

mass cull of cattle. He was thinking in

A ritual slaughter of our cattle herds merely to appease the EU insults the common sense of the British consumer

terms of "tens of thousands", but only provided the European Union lifts its ban. Again compensation will be paid. But the BSE epidemic is declining fast. Any leakage into the food chain, if there has been one, took place in the 1980s. There is no basis in science or statistics or common sense for a cull. Since there is no rational basis for one, there is no basis for spending public money compensating farmers for one, wherever the money comes from. Governments should not use tax revenues as ex gratia payments to remove the risk from capitalism, let alone to induce foreign governments to honour their treaty obli-

gations. Parliament may be a toothless watchdog in these matters, but is the National Audit Office also

As for Europe, I am mystified at the Government's spinelessness. The instant ban on British beef imports to the Continent a

month ago appeared to be justified by the European Farm Commissioner, Franz Fischler, on grounds of safety. Now he says it was public relations, "to restore market confidence". In other words, he opened his newspaper one morning, reads (or misreads) the scare comments of some scientist and feels he should act dramatically.

What is significant is that he felt under no obligation to allay the scare, but sought rather to legitimise it. The British Government was unwise to politicise the shift in scientific evidence announced by the BSE standing committee last month, a shift which came with advice that no change in policy was needed. The response from Brussels was to fall on this shift and have a fit of hysteria. A full Commission was summoned, followed by a meeting of the august Council of Ministers. Continental Europe went into its most gleeful mode, that of raging Anglophobia. It appeared to be willing on Britain the biggest systematic slaughter of living creatures in British history:

running through the French, German and Belgian Governments as each leapt into action to appease its gloating beef lobbies by banning British imports. French customs officials turned back trucks at Calais. The Germans, with more Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease cases than Britain, went berserk. The bans were blatant constraints on free trade. without legal justification. Seeking to alter market confidence - indeed distorting it by exaggerating risk - is no justification for a trade ban. The 30 per cent of British beef sales that go for export were stopped.

I hate generalised trade sanctions, but I have no doubt what Britain should have done next. After protests in the Council of Ministers had failed. the Cabinet should have retaliated by banning imports of continental beef. These

happen to comprise 30 per cent of domestic consumption. That would have balanced the market and raised the negotiating ante.

Instead, Britain is in the hopeless position of not knowing how many healthy cattle it has to kill to get the ban lifted. British ministers must go to the next Luxembourg meeting with an offer to act irrationally (killing healthy cattle) so as to appease the irrationality of their critics, but without knowing how much irrationality (how many cattle) will do

hen policy is motivated by hysteria and hysteria can be sated only by slaughter. there is no knowing where the bloodletting can end. I cannot imagine a better illustration of the madness to which Europe's farm policy has sunk. Some enthusiasts say repatriating agricultural policy to British control would be even worse. Rubbish.

Big government, be it in Whitehall or Brussels, boasts that it embodies reason and efficiency in public administration. It can see the wood above the trees. It can discount grubby local emotions. It can

plan. The distant ruler has the freedom to be sane and the power to make sanity effective. Yet last month, Herr Fischler mimicked Kafka's trial judge. "You object that this is not a trial at all? You are right: it is only a trial when I recognise it as one." A trial is an institution of reason. Herr Fischler does not pretend to reason in this matter. He might have continued with his Kalka, as he shook his loaded wallet at Britain's farmers: "It is often better to be in chains

than to be free." This is madness. The more distant a

decision from its point of implementation, the more likely it is to be irrational. The greater the unreason, the greater the error and the greater the likely cruelty. And when Europe-wide bodies act for reasons of "public relations", heaven help us all. I am sure Innocent III ordered the Albigensian massacres to "restore public confidence" in the papacy. I am sure Catherine of Medici felt the same about the Huguenots on St Bartholomew's Day. I am sure Mao's order to kill all of China's birds because they are the crops was applauded by the apparatchiks locked in the Great Hall of the People. An instruction to mass slaughter has long been a totem of the efficiency of central authority. The general knows that the order to kill - and to die - is the true test of loyalty. To impress his enemies, Taras Bulba butchered a hundred of his finest warriors. To impress his enemies. John Major will

butcher ten thousand of his finest cows. The public will view such slaughter with horror. The farmers' union, its eyes on compensation, may remark that "this crisis is now beyond the realm of science" and welcome a well-financed slaughter policy. Consumers are reacting with greater maturity. As with all food scares, they have hesitated, heard what they have been told and reacted with common sense. They regard beef as safe, and are eating it again. Europe's consumers will do so as well, in time. They will all blow raspberries at commissioners, ministers and lobbyists who claim to be privy to the confidence of the market.

Consumers are the market, and the market is working. It needs no assistance from Brussels, nor from those who want to turn the English countryside into a bovine charnel house. As for that charnel house, what has happened to veterinary ethics? When vets are told to kill healthy animals to appease Europe's politicians and help businesses with their "public relations", are they not subject to a Hippocratic oath?

# Pensions made to measure

Anatole Kaletsky

asks if Labour

has a pot of gold

f Labour hopes to find a pot of gold to pay for improvements in public services, it has only one place to look. Britain's welfare state may be modest by European standards, but the combined cost to the taxpayer of health, pensions, social security and personal social services is still £130 billion a year, or 46 per cent of total public spending.

As one Labour leader tole me, "we can sit here till doomsday and say we will govern without being tax-and-spenders. but we won't be able to prove it unless we can reform the welfare state".

Labour says it will save money by putting the jobless back to work. But with macroeconomic policies identical to the Tories' — and business policies, such as the minimum wage, which will destroy jobs at the margin — why should we believe such clauses Training and education, even if successful, will help only in the very long term. Reforms in welfare itself could in principle encourage people to work, but Labour's policies in this area are not very different from the Tories'. For example, the vaunted idea of "carrot and stick" measures to get under-25s off the dole will depend entirely on the training carrots; the stick of a 40 per cent benefit cut for those who

refuse already exists.
Yet Labour does have a chance to save big money on welfare, building on what the Tories have done. Confronted with

growing welfare costs, the Tories said one thing and did two others.

They said they would root out all sorts of scroungers — homeless teenagers, un-married mothers, refugees and nasty people of that kind. This produced big headlines but small savings. The two things the Tories did were more important: they tried to squeeze better value out of the health service by introducing commercial management; and they quietly restructured the state pension, putting it on a gradually declining trend.

The health experiment was, on balance, a failure, certainly in restoring



public confidence, and probably in reducing costs. Labour will partly reverse it. Some of the reasons for disappointment are similar to those in education: health cannot be rationed by money, and medical workers are motivated partly by non-commercial values. In principle, a market-based health system is hard to devise. In practice, no country has invented a commercial health system more efficient than the state-run NHS.

Labour's main plans can be briefly summed up as follows. The Tory split between health planning and delivery of services will be preserved, but the present renewable contracts between hospitals and health authorities will give way to long-term agreements. Fund-holding will be replaced by a new system of GP commissioning, with large numbers of GPs grouped together to buy services and manage their relations with the NHS. Whether these changes will restore public confidence in the health service is an open question, but in the short term further upheavals are bound to increase costs, even if they do

eventually improve morale. For any hope of saving money, therefore, Labour must turn to pensions. Here a genuine opportunity lies within Labour's grasp. The Tory reforms have tamed the growth of state pensions; so much so that in the next century a National insurance surplus could make room for substantially lower taxes or

higher spending on other programmes.

But to continue making savings on state pensions, the government must ensure that people make private provision to stave off poverty in old age. A new "second tier" of private pensions is needed for millions of casual workers

outside occupational schemes. Here Labour's policy, to be announced in detail next month by Chris Smith, promises a genuine advance. The Tories, essentially, want the insurance industry to sell more personal pensions. Labour, however, believes - with good reason — that personal pensions are another instance of market failure: the sales costs of competing insurers make them prohibitively expensive compared with National Insurance or occupational schemes. Labour therefore proposes to create a small number of large and competing schemes, with costs regulated by the government, but investment left to the private sector. The Tories had hoped to portray Labour's pension plans as a new device for creeping nationalisation or covertly raising taxes. But these schemes will not be compulsory and

investment will be privately managed. If Labour managed to pull millions of casual and self-employed workers into pension schemes without compulsion, it could, with a clear conscience, allow the basic state pension to continue to wither away. Gradually there would be leeway for more public spending or lower taxes. The next Labour government but two might even discover a crock of gold.

Tomorrow, in the Business section: Business, investment and finance.

of the nation's 12 million cows. I could sense the Schadenfreude

Give him time

UNCONDITIONAL parental support is clearly not a quality admired in the Ingrams household. At an exhibition of works by Fred Ingrams in Chelsea on Monday, the artist's father. Richard, the crumpled editor of The Oldie, looked less than whelmed. Gazing at the lurid, cellulite-heavy nudes on display, he said: "I'm certainly not buying any. They are rather expensive for me. I might buy one in five years' time though, when he's come to his senses."

• Political heroine of the week is

Clare Short, the Shadow Trans-

port Secretary, for her robust stand against the polished toecaps of new Labour. Now more

honours. Conservative Central

Office has accorded her a nick-

name: "One Sandwich" Short.

### Beep beep

PARLIAMENT returned yesterday to find scenes from the Keystone Kops in New Palace Yard. The culprits were John Redwood. MP for Wokingham, and his ebullient aide de camp. Hywel Williams. As they pulled past security, one of the guards noticed someone

in the back of Redwood's car taking photographs, a strict security no-no. They were ordered to stop to receive their admonishment.

The cars behind grew restless, being forced to nudge backwards and forwards in the ensuing bottleneck. Some were honking. In the car behind Redwood was the quite formidable Dame Janet Fookes, Deputy Speaker and MP for Plymouth Drake, whom one is not advised to incite to road rage. Eager to attend a Speaker's meeting, she found herself sandwiched. "I had to summon my composure," she said bravely. "But I was very British about it. I sat in the queue very patiently without

● Paddy Ashdown has been inspired by Forrest Gump, the cellu-

complaining.

phrase "stupid is as stupid does". Asked at the launch of his party's local election campaign on Monday whether he felt threatened by Tony Blair's stranglehold on the political centre, he replied - perhaps showing more idiot than savant - "Well, centre is as centre does."

### Last lunch

POPEYE had his spinach, Wellington had his beef, but for England's cricketers, nothing will quite do like the food of Nancy Doyle. When the England team step out at Lord's this summer, however, they will be the first England side in 35 years to play at the ground without Mrs Doyle's victuals churning inside them. The mistress of the roasting pan has retired.

Mrs Doyle's food was manly, good - and always served with chips. For the heartier sort of player, Ian Botham and Mike Gatting for instance, third helpings were standard.

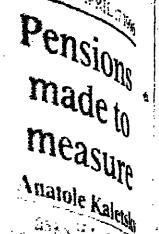
"She has been a stern disciplinarian." says Dennis Silk, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board. "No cricketer dared to go into lunch improperly dressed because he knew Nancy would send him out to smarten up. Even



Mrs Doyle at home at Lord's

British Prime Ministers have cowered beneath her gaze." Nothing less than a place on the board of selectors will do for her.

• With the announcement that the divorce of the Duke and Duch-ess of York should be cleared by May. York precedent is being followed. The only other Duke of York to divorce was Henry VIII. The two wives who received the 16th-century equivalent of their divorce papers also did so



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# STILL ON THE LINE

Louise Jensen's family is owed a better response from Britain

The killing in Cyprus of the young Danish woman, Louise Jensen, brought shame to the British army. Although three soldiers of The Royal Green Jackets have been properly sentenced to life imprisonment for her abduction, rape and manslaughter, the stain on the Army's reputation has only grown in the days since their conviction by a Cypriot court in Larnaca. Jensen's dignified, grieving family have taken the view that the British authorities owe much more than the few words which have been uttered - many of them egregious - by army officers and ministers of the Crown. We agree.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, written yesterday by a friend of the Jensen family, the dead woman's parents have called the British Government to account for its indifference to her death and to the suffering of her family. "The British Army." the letter says, and the British Government responsible for the Army's activities, have lost a tremendous amount of respect around the world." This last judgment is, alas, as damning as it is true.

On the day after the three killers were sentenced, we called on the authorities to ensure that Britain's carefully cultivated international reputation for disciplined, reliable soldiers was not placed in further jeopardy by insensitive army handling of Miss Jensen's killing. A perfect example of this chumsiness was provided, on the day the trial ended, by Brigadier Arthur Denaro, the deputy commander of the British forces on Cyprus. This was an isolated and thoroughly horrendous case," he said, "but

nobody would blame the Army for what these men did." He compounded his folly by appealing to observers not to "get this incident out of perspective".

The only right perspective, however, is that of Miss Jensen's family. It is futile to tell them that there was no "failure" on the part of the Army. Of course there was failure and it was abject. As a correspondent pointed out on this page, "soldiers' behaviour is linked to their morale, which itself is linked to effective leadership". The three soldiers were found guilty of killing Miss Jensen: their officers stand guilty, too, of a failure to lead. Yet in his Adjutant-General's conference yesterday, General Sir Michael Rose - the Army Board member responsible for personnel and discipline - made scarecly a reference to the Jensen case.

In its poignant letter to John Major, the family ask whether "the British Army and the British Government intend to regain the respect lost by the appalling act of three professional soldiers under their administration and responsibility". They suggest, further, that the Army and Government may retrieve some of their dignity by offering appropriate compensation". This would be both right and just. Poul and Anette Jensen, Louise's father and mother. should be compensated for their daughter's death - as a symbol of the nation's sense of responsibility. They are owed, also, a full and formal apology. In our article after the trial we said that the reputation of the British army and its ability to do its job was on the line in Cyprus. It is still on the line.

### **GET SHORTY**

### The leadership fumes, but voters may like a little candour

The moment that Clare Short opened her mouth to talk about tax on Sunday morning, it was clear that the Tories would exploit her frankness. John Major delightedly used Ms Short's words against Tony Blair at Question Time yesterday. Her admission that people at her own level of income ought to pay more tax was jumped upon as smartly by her own party leadership as by the Conservatives. Conventional wisdom on both sides thinks that such remarks damage Labour: voters, it is thought, will believe that Mr Blair's party has a hidden agenda on tax which will only emerge once an election has

Labour's media controllers now hold their breath whenever Ms Short appears on air. Whether she is calling for the legalisation of cannabis, criticising Harriet Harman's choice of school or advocating higher tax, her candour makes her a target. On Monday, she had to be kept away from a rail privatisation press conference lest it turn into a seminar on progressive tax rates.

The electorate may, however, be more sophisticated than party strategists think. People know that Gordon Brown, not Ms Short, will be Chancellor of the Exchequer should Labour win office. They know that Ms Short is famous for not being able to smother what she really believes in anodyne party puffery. That is part of what makes her popular. Ms Short's contributions could even be electorally valuable to Mr Blair.

They reassure potential and traditional Labour voters that a cause has not been entirely lost in new Labour's attempt to capture Tory ground. Some voters genuinely do believe that cannabis should be legalised; others think that richer people should pay more tax. They may suspect that Mr Blair disagrees: but Ms Short's frank admissions at least make them think that Labour is more on their side than are the Tories. Her little indiscretions allow some steam to

escape from the pressure-cooker atmosphere

created by the Labour leader's insistence on strict discipline.

The Shadow Transport Secretary plays another useful role for Mr Blair. On internal party disputes, she has proved herself robustly loval and capable of swinging the Left behind the leadership. At last year's party conference, her powerful speech in favour of the National Executive Committee's deselection of Liz Davies won for Mr Blair a vote that might easily have been lost. Unlike, say, Margaret Beckett, she is unswerving in the face of left-wing pressure.

If Mr Blair depends on Ms Short, so does she on him. Her constituency, Birmingham Ladywood, is one of four in that city whose local party has been suspended, while investigations are made into possible Asian vote-buying. The four constituencies are to be merged into three before the next election and there is strong pressure for one of the candidates to be Muslim. Ms Short needs the NEC, under Mr Blair's instruction, to impose her on one of the constituencies so that she can remain in Parliament.

So this relationship between Ms Short and her leader, which began in hostility, has developed into a convergence of interest. The two are also friendlier to each other than they were in the past. Each admires the other's qualities, and Ms Short candidly admits that "I changed my mind about Tony

Of course collective responsibility is necessary for smooth government. Ms Short's behaviour is only on the cusp of acceptability, and she has already had to resign twice from the front bench because she disagreed with the party line. But there has to be room in political life for the occasional maverick. On a wall in her house she displays the Mark Twain line that "loyalty to a petrified opinion never broke a chain or fired a human soul": she has surely something to offer the constrained and soulless world of Westminster politics.

### **OUT OF THE SUN**

### A marriage that was never made for poetry

"Upon this day in Westminster that brings the Prince his Bride. Out of the sun there. swoops a song that cannot be denied": thus did the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, begin his song to mark the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York in the summer of 1986. It was not his finest work, but as the years went by, the subject of the poem came easily to match the awfulness of its lines.

In the years since that initial brightness faded, the marriage has brought little but disrepute upon the Duke's long-suffering mother and the institution over which she presides. The same television sets which the poet described as trembling on the day of the wedding were last night replaying the infamous royal Irs a Knockout programme. Those holiday camp scenes were the first step down the steep hill of diminishing public respect: others quickly followed. Almost as soon as the country had "dried its eyes" after the ceremony, this royal couple had begun to show themselves as the least dignified, the most determined, it seemed, to shrug off the mystique in which the family had deliberately, according to Bagehotian

principles, been shrouded. Almost every step that they took jarred with the accepted behaviour of the Royal Family. Their home in Windsor Great Park was described as a cross between a drive-in burger bar and an out-of-town Tesco store. Their fondness for expensive holidays, untempered by conspicuous devotion to charitable duties, lent them a reputation for extravagance and frivolity. Not long after the birth of their two daughters it became clear that their marriage was doomed.

Not all the fault was theirs. Expectations were too high; the preparation was too little. But the Duchess in particular did little that endeared herself to the British public and much that did not. Her cavortings, in front of her children, with John Bryan, her financial adviser", could not easily be defended on the ground that the long lens of a press photographer had intruded too far. Her commercial dealings and hunger for money added to the unpopularity of the younger royals and the tarnishing of the family's image.

All sympathy is due to the Queen who. only days before her 70th birthday, must endure further reminders of the failure of her children's marriages and further contemplation of the effect of these breakups on the institution which she represents. She herself has been irreproachable in her conduct as monarch and can still tap a deep vein of public loyalty and support. Yet she must rue the day that the concept of a Royal Family rather than simply a monarch was invented. Bagehot thought it a useful device for ensuring the endurance of the Crown. But should the public ever tire of Britain's constitutional monarch, the fault will lie not with the Queen but with her offspring.

In July ten years ago The Times wished Prince Andrew and his wife every happiness in words barely less optimistic if somewhat less colourful than the Poet Laureate's. It would be unkind to wish them any lesshappiness today. It is their saving grace that, unlike the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess have managed to remain on good terms - at least with each other.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# to young offenders

From Ms Helen Edwards

Sir, Magnus Linklater ("Making friends of the friends", April II) rightly points out the futility of much of our response to youth violence.

Focusing all our attention and most of our resources on locking up young offenders for longer periods may appear to offer the public more protection but will have little impact on the problem of violent crime and may even make matters worse.

In Scotland the children's panel system offers a more promising way forward: it seeks to involve everyone in the case to ensure that the young person changes his or her behaviour. We should certainly be prepared to learn from this sensible approach, but we need to go even further to tackle the underlying reasons why young people engage in antisocial behaviour and appear to show little respect for themselves or for other people.

Rather than simply banishing them from society, as current policy seems to suggest, we should seek to reintegrate young people, especially young men. One of the most tangible ways is to give them a realistic prospect of achieving a job. This is one of the best crime-prevention measures for a safer community and will encourage young people to learn self-respect and self-

Yours, HELEN EDWARDS (Director of Communications), National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, 169 Clapham Road, SW9. April 12

From Miss Julie Daniels

Sir, Magnus Linklater's article touched a raw nerve. The failings of society and the resultant production of "a generation without rules" is a moot point.

I came from what many would describe as a deprived background (inner-city Liverpool, no paternal support, very little money) and the values that society failed to provide were instilled by my mother.

The basic manners, morals and nules one should learn as a child were to be found at home. Society was not expected to play that role.

To describe the desecration of a graveyard as avenging a sense of loss is puzzling. Such children have never been taught the values most of us take as the essential foundation of living in civilised world and satisfy destructive urges that have never been checked.

I agree that the Scottish children's panel system seems better than the system in England and Wales and that its example should be followed. However, society is perhaps to blame for eroding rules which frowned upon premarital pregnancy, bad language and disrespectful behaviour.

The attention paid over recent decades to civil liberty has played its part in the lawlessness Magnus Link-later describes. Because of the loosening of legal restraints and withdrawal of discipline (especially in schools). police and teachers are no longer the figures of respect they once were. Many parents of delinquent children cynically reinforce this attitude. Urgent action to put the responsibility back on to them by means of legal and financial penalties is imperative if we are to stop this decline.

Yours sincerely, JULIE DANIĒLS. 9 Leerdam Drive, E14. April 12.

### Justice at Strasbourg

From Sir Michael Davies

Sir, We should all wish Lord Mackay of Clashfern well in his attempt to curb the wilder excesses of the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg (report. April 9). This court suf-

fers from three fatal defects.

First, there is no appeal from its decisions: unchecked tribunals at any level inevitably become arrogant and self-satisfied. Second, most of its judges are academics, who are notoriously bad at judging. Third, its rulings and language make it clear that its judges are not truly independent but fanatically devoted to the federalistic

concept.
Unless these problems are firmly addressed and radically solved, the future is gloomy indeed.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL DÁVIES. 6 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. April 9.

### Blasphemy law

From Mr John Bell

Sir, Mr Roy Edey writes (letter, April 10) that "it is necessary for the protection of society to have criminal sanctions against an insult so grave to one's faith that it is likely to cause a breach of the peace".

What happened to "turning the other cheek\*?

Yours faithfully. JOHN BELL The Hall, Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

April 10.

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be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

### Change of attitude Modern means of attracting youngsters to the Church

From Mr John Pearman

Sir, You are probably correct in arguing (leading article, "The empty pew", April 11) that restless innovation will not reverse the Anglican Church's de-

In the Dark Ages Christianity moved into the monasteries. In medieval times it moved out of the monasteries into the parish churches. What we are now seeing is Christianity moving out of the churches into the real world. Perhaps it is our young people who are the first to sense this healthy and necessary evolution.

Twenty-five years of teaching religious studies in boys' secondary schools has taught me that modern teenagers are becoming more rather than less spiritual in their modes of intellection. But their interest is in Christianity, not in "churchianity" or priestcraft.

Most present-day youngsters are influenced more by spiritually-minded human beings engaged in the real world than by priests. Educated teenagers, particularly those who have attended church schools, don't seem to know what priests are for.

Yours faithfully. JOHN PEARMAN, 10 Hamlet Court, 23 Village Road, Enfield, Middlesex. April 11.

From Mr David Burgin

Sir, I was concerned to read (report, April II) that the Church of England is concerned about the drop in younger members because it "threatens the future of Anglicanism".

This surely highlights the reason for the drop, in that the Church is more concerned about its own future than bringing the good news about God's love to young people to save them from a future of hopelessness.

With this attitude we don't even deserve the young people we have got and have drifted very far from Christ's great commission to take the love of God into the whole world.

Yours faithfully, DAVID BURĞIN, 64 Longhurst Lane. Marple Bridge, Stockport, Cheshire. April 12.

From Mr Giles Wingate-Saul, QC

Sir. A greater involvement of ordinary members will probably take the Church back nearer its roots. At St Paul's, Rusland, we parishioners take our own family services once a month: none of us who take them is trained.

We aim to ensure that the children in this tiny parish enjoy the service and that it contains some Christian message usually more to do with conduct than with catechism. Afterwards they play "tig" in the churchyard and I like to think that those who lie there enjoy their laughter.

The children ring the bell. (We have had to mend the rope twice, they are so keen.) They like to take the collection; in short they like to be involved. We will attract children only if we involve them in our worship. If we preach at them we make life more difficult for ourselves.

We have no parish priest but a retired canon takes our monthly Communion service and tries to ensure that we do not stumble.

Is the real issue not what the Church can do for us and our young but what we can do for the Church? Yours truly,

G. W. WINGATE-SAUL, The Dower House, Whitestock, Rusland, Ulverston, Cumbria.

From the Reverend B. H. Adams

Sir, There is much to agree with in your leader. Certainly more "resources" will not attract young people to our churches and the preaching of the gospel is vital, but I cannot think that salvation lies simply in the King James version and the Book of Com-

mon Prayer. There are many reasons why young people are not in our churches: peer pressure (it is not "cool" to go to church); lack of parental example; the erosion of Sunday as a day apart. greater mobility; sport and leisure activities; the shortage of and pressure on clergy so that young people get lit-tle of their time; a lack of Christian youth leaders: the collapse of Christianity in the secondary schools and so

Young people do have a deep interest in Christianity, as evidenced by thousands who attend Greenbelt, Spring Harvest and Soul Survivor. national events which the media seem to ignore or disparage. In our three country parishes we have a group of young people who meet each Sunday evening. Last month they organised a successful weekend specifically to

evangelise their peers.

The Church, I believe, must make room for young people to worship in their own style. As they mature they come to see the value of more structured worship. It is important to maintain a variety of liturgies, with the King James version and Book of Common prayer as important ingredients, but it is a deep cultural change which is at the heart of the problem and we cannot simply put the clock back.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN ADAMS, The Vicarage, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

### Legislation to protect children and deter the 'sex tourist'

From Mr Allan Levy, QC

Sir, Rachel Campbell-Johnston's article, "An end to child sex tourism" (April 10), repeated the strong recommendations put forward at a Sieff Foundation conference on the topic held in London last February: in particular that the proposed governmentbacked legislation should be amended to permit the courts here to try alleged sex offences committed against children overseas.

Ironically, in wrongly stating that child prostitution "is ruthlessly legislated against in Britain, but people travel abroad ... to feed their tastes". Ms Campbell-Johnston identifies by default one of the great scandals in this country in the 1990s: the extent of child prostitution in our cities and particularly the fact that many of the children are in care. That these children, clearly identified in recent reports and television programmes, are not better helped and protected is a national disgrace and requires urgent at-

A strong argument against limiting the legislation to conspiracy or incitement to commit sexual acts outside the UK is that research shows that most

so-called sex tourists travel independently or on ordinary package tours and not in groups organised for unlawful sexual purposes.

The Government has a strong duty to follow the example of 12 other countries, including New Zealand, Austra-lia and the USA, and pass extraterritorial legislation.

Yours faithfully. ALLAN LEVY 17 Bedford Row, WC1.

From Ms Anne Badger

Sir, Rachel Campbell-Johnson's article highlighted the reluctance of the British Government, because of the perceived practical difficulties in-volved, to follow the lead taken by 12 other tourist-sending countries in introducing legislation which would enable the prosecution in British courts of those who travel abroad to sexually exploit children. These other countries clearly be-

lieve any practical difficulties can be overcome and are not real obstacles to such legislation. Australia has two prosecutions under way, using its leg-

Other countries continue to follow the example and similar legislation will soon be passed in Italy and Ire-land. Last week Canada's Foreign Minister announced to the UN Human Rights Commission that Canada, too, is now pledged to introduce this extraterritorial legislation, and made reference to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as providing a sufficient basis for this extension of jurisdiction to deal specifically with

child sex tourism. Britain ratified this Convention in 1991. The Coalition on Child Prostitution and Tourism, which represents seven major charities, believes that surely, with the forthcoming World Congress in Stockholm, it is now time for the Government to move beyond reluctance to positive action and introduce legislation to target child sex offenders in Britain.

Yours sincerely, ANNE BADGER (Campaign Co-ordinator), Coalition on Child Prostitution and Tourism). Unit 4, The Stableyard. Broomgrove Road, SW9. April 10.

Saudi dissident

Sir, Like Mr Robin Morris (letter.

April 9) I have lived and worked in Middle Eastern countries, but I can-

not follow the sequence of his thought

that aliens in those countries are right-

ly penalised for breaking their laws

and his seeming to want such "rules"

How does he know that the people

of Saudi Arabia "do not wish" to have

"a culture anything like that of the

West"? Have their wishes been con-

From Mr J. S. F. Parker

applied in Great Britain.

Yours obedient servant,

8 Holly Terrace, York.

JOHN PARKER.

### **BSE** and cattle cull

From the President of the British Veterinary Association

Sir, In light of the British Veterinary Association's views on the unnecessary culling of cattle in the UK (report, April 15) I have today written to the Minister of Agriculture and the Secretary of State for Health explaining what the veterinary profession feels are the next steps.

Our joint priorities are animal health and welfare and public health. BSE is a reality in cattle terms but the link with CJD in humans is a perception. Yet it is that perception that could send tens of thousands of cattle to

Science that the public can appreci-ate must reassert itself. That is the

with ministers that Her Majesty's Government take full-page advertisements in leading UK and European newspapers to put across all that the Government has done to control BSE and to ensure public protection.

ey can be spent to placate European demands it should spend infinitely less and get across once and for all the message, what has been done, is being done and will be done.

The European Agriculture Com-missioner, Franz Fischler, now appears to be listening.

Yours faithfully. April 15.

to care nothing for their educational

value. Local councils are clearly not fit

to run this indispensable service, so

there must be some control from

central government. It is a question

not only of money but of policy too.

Libraries are essential for education.

ment step in to save and restore Great

Smith Street Library before it is too

Yours faithfully,

WILLIS HALL,

April 9.

Poulton Hall.

SUSAN HOWATCH,

SYBILLE BEDFORD,

DIRK BOGARDE,

WILLIAM TREVOR,

JOANNA TROLLOPE.

42 Great Smith Street, SW1.

right: merely getting them alright

would not satisfy my high standards.

Poulton Lancelyn, Bebington, Wirral.

People like Mr Ellenbogen should

In the meantime, will the Govern-

### Library at risk

From Ms Susan Howatch and others

Sir, Our concerns about the public library service in this country have recently been exacerbated by Westminster City Council's plans to close Great Smith Street Library, believed to be the oldest library in London.

Over the last year this excellent, heavily used library has been deliberately run down: opening hours have been shortened and the number of permanent staff halved, the reference library scarcely exists, the inquiry desk is staffed only at peak times and the lending book stock tragically depleted. The one part of the library that has grown is the entertainment section - videos, CDs and cassettes,

Public libraries are apparently now

mostly of a popular nature.

One or the other

From Mrs C. A. R. Lancelyn Green

pay more attention to the differences Sir. When my students are all ready to between adverbs and pronouns before trying to alter spellings. The colloquial alright, meaning "OK" or acstart a lesson, they have not already started (Mr Gershon Ellenbogen's letter, April 12). When they recite all toceptable, does not mean the same as gether, it can sound altogether splenall right, and I hope it never does. did. If they play tag, they can't all be Yours faithfully, "it", albeit they are a bit old for such C. A. R. LANCELYN GREEN,

I hope, when they answer their test questions, they get the answers all Government's duty. We have pleaded I have said that if vast sums of mon-

R. M. STEVENSON, President, British Veterinary Association, 7 Mansfield Street, WI.

### Pining away run by he recreation and leisure committees of local authorities, who seem From Mrs Henry Moore

suited?

April 9.

Sir. Your Deaths announcements for April II include that of the sudden demise of Pine, Corsican, aged 110 years. Although not as old as that planted at Arley Castle, Worcestershire, in 1820 (Bean's Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, 1976) it is touching that it was so treasured as to rank an

entry in your columns. I hope the mourner will plant a successor to be equally loved by generations to come.

Yours faithfully, CECILY MOORE. Shucknall Court, Hereford. April 12

Never too late From Mr John Orton

Sir, The good news in today's Times is the job ad for Voluntary Service Overseas that specifies an upper age limit of 70 years. The bad news is that it is unpaid ("a modest living allowance") and that the locations on offer are Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia or Nepal.

Well, beggars can't be choosers, I suppose. Yours etc.

JOHN ORTON. 37 Chadacre Avenue, Clayhali, Ilford, Essex. April 15.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE WINDSOR CASTLE
April 16: The Duke of Edinburgh,
Trustee, this morning attended a
meeting of the St George's House
Council at Windsor Castle. The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 16: The Prince Edward, Trustee and Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's

Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning travelled to Fukui and attended a Luncheon in support of the World Fellowship of the Award at Restaurant Jardin, Fukui City.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Eiheiji Monastery.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a Reservice Dinner and attended a Reception, Dinner and Recital in support of the Award at the Ono Residence, Fukui City

April 16: The Princes Royal this evening attended the Silver Jubilee Reception for the Judges' Association at Mariborough House, London SWI. CLARENCE HOUSE
April 16: Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother was entertained at luncheon today by the President of the Royal Academy (Sir William Dowson) at on House. The Lady Mar-

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Southampton Oceanography Centre, Empress Docks, Southampton, at 10.00; and, as Colonel-in-Chief, will visit 3 Field workshop, REME. Tidworth, Wilshire, at 12.20. Glasgow School of Art, 167 Renfrew Street, at 11.55; will visit Craigton Cemetery environmental project. Cardonald. Glasgow, at 2.40; and visit Strathclyde University at 12.55. The Princess Royal, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will open the new scheme developed by the English Rural Housing Association at Mary Cross Close, Highfield Read, Wiggington. Hertfordshire. at 2.25; as Patron of the Dunn Nutrition Centre, will attend a collaboration between the Medical Research Council and Schools on Diet. Exercise and Long-Term Health, at Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge, at 4.05; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the ambridge Appeal dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge, at 7.15.
The Duke of Kent, as Royal Fellow, will attend a presidential address and celebration dinner at Guildhall at 7,15

# April 16: The Duke of Gloucester, President, Cancer Research Campaign, this evening opened the Exhibition of Works by Jan Van Goyen at the Richard Green Gallery, 33 New Bond Street, London WI. Aftenwards His Proval Highware

**Dinners** British Consultants Bureau The Duke of Gloucester, President of the British Consultants Bureau, was the host at a dinner at Brooks's last

Afterwards His Royal Highness, President. British Consultants Bu-reau, attended a Dinner at Brooks's,

The Lady Margaret Colville has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as

April 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited John Storer House, a Vol-

untary Action Centre administered by Charnwood Community Council, in Wards End. Loughbornsch

in Wards End, Loughborough, Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron. The Scottish Ballet, this evening attended a perfor-

mance by the Company at the Hull

New Theatre.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire (Mr Richard Marriott).

stershire (Mr Timothy Brooks).

Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty. KENSINGTON PALACE

the host at a dinner at Brooks's last night, given by the association. Those amending included:
Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, Lord Mariesford, Sir Robert Wade-Gery, Sir Alan Munro, Mr Richard Caborn, Mp. Professor R. F. Boucher, Mr Christopher Crabbie. "Mr Rupert Pennant-Rea, Mr John Vereker, Mr David Hall, Mr Roger Pearce (Chairman BCBI, Mr Collin Adams (Director BCB), Mr Paul Barry, Mr Robert Beresford, Mr Paul Barry, Mr Ken Cooke, Mr Collin Coulson, Mr Hugh Geddes, Mr Cilve Hardcastle, Mr Martin Richards, Mr David Slicock, Mr Peter Walters, Mr Peter Budd. Mr Brian Lon, Mr Rory O'Connor, Major Nicholas Barne.

Achuaries' Commany

Actuaries' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a speaker at the annual dinner of the Actuaries' Company held last night at the Mansion House Mr. C.W.F. Low, Master, accompanied by the Wardens, Mr.R.H. Field and Mr.C.R.C. Hawker precided and content of the Companied by the Wardens, Mr.R.H. Field and Mr.C.R.C. Hawker precided and content of the Companies Hawkes, presided and presented the Lord Mayor with a cheque for his appeal for St John Ambulance. The Very Rev Dr H.R. Wyllie and Mr A.D. Gibson also spoke.

### School news

Trinity Term begins today. The Choral Society will sing Mozart's Requiem Mass at Brentwood will be inspected by Commodore S. Moore, RN. on May 10. Half term is from May 25 until June 2. The Commemoration Service, Speech Day and Promenade Concert will be held on June 29. Term ends on Friday, July 5.

to mark the 20th anniversary of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Chigwell School Summer Term at Chigwell School starts on Thursday, April 18. Speech Day and the Summer Ball vill be held on Saturday, June 22. The Captain of Cricket is Timothy Jolly (Swallow's). The Summer Concert will be on Wednesday, July 3 and the Junior School play The Frankenstein Monster Show will be performed on the nights of Wednesday, May 15, to Saturday,

Eton College opens today for the Summer Half. J.C.P. Hoftman KS continues as Captain of the School and the Earl

of Mornington OS as Captain of The Careers Convention will be performances of Richard III in the Farrer Theatre from May 23-26. The C.C.F. Tattoo will be on May

28, and the Fourth of June celebra-tions will be held on Wednesday, May 29. Long Leave is from May 29 - June 2. The Winchester Match will be at Winchester on June 15. the Harrow Match at Lord's on Tuesday, June 25. School closes on June 28. Malvern College

The Council of Malvern College has appointed Mr Hugh Carson as Headmaster with effect from January 1997 in succession to Mr Roy Chapman who will retire after 14 years as Headmaster of the College. Mr Carson is currently Headmaster of Denstone College,

The Princess Helena College The Summer Term begins today and ends on July 4. Emma Hedderson is Head of School and Henrietta Ellis and Susannah Wallace her deputies. The Confirmation Service on May 18 will take place in St Martin's Church, Preston. Sports Day is on June I. The 175th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving is to be at St Alban's Abbey on Friday, June 21, at 230pm followed by the Speech Day and Garden Party on Saturday, June 22. Former pupils welcome to attend these events. Tickets for the Summer Ball on

June 29 may be obtained from the

### Memorial service

Mr Anthony Nares
Prince Michael of Kent was represented by Lieutenant-Coknel Sir
Christopher Thompson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr

Anthony Nares, publisher, held yes-terday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Rev Jonathan Gough offici-ated, assisted by the Rev Andrew Salmon. George Nares, son, and Mr Andrew Reson read the lessons and Mr Graham Sherren, Chairman and Chief Executive of Centaur Communications, read Do not be ofraid by an American Indian. Colonel Jer

American inotan. Colone: Jeremy Smith-Bingham gave an address.

Among those present were:

Mrs. Anthony Nares (widow), Mrs. David Buchanan-Dunloy (mother).

Mrs. Ronald Gilbey (brother-in-law), Mrs. Ronald Gilbey (brother-in-law), Mrs. Ronald Gilbey (brother-in-law), Lawrence Gilbey, Jack Gilbey.

The Countess of Ancram. the Earl of Westmorland, the Earl and Countess of Kintore. the Earl and Countess of Fisher. I was a series of Erston, Lady Astor of Hever. Lady Portla Agar, Lady Martsa Agar. Lady Mary Caye Curzon, Lady Rose Clowes.

The Hon Phillip Asion, the Hon Charles and Mrs. Wilson, the Hon Charles and Mrs. Wilson, the Hon Charles and Mrs. Wilson, the Hon Mervyn Greenwy, the Hon Simon and Mrs. Our-Ewing, the Hon Mark Rowland Cobboid. the Hon George and Mrs. Under Street, Mrs. Anthony Weddon, Sir Hugh and Lady Stuciey, Mr. Charles and Lady Mary von Westenholz, Mr. Barry and Lady Ramsay. Lady Child, Sir Anthony Weddon, Sir Hugh and Lady Stuciey, Mr. Charles and Lady Mary von Westenholz, Mr. Barry and Lady Charlone Dinan.

Mr. John Raw (fincancial director, Centaur Communications) and Mrs. Raw with Mr. Howard Sharman, Mr. Tinn Potter, Miss Annie Swift, Mr. Brian Nicholson. Major Lydiard Wilson (representing the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment), Mr. George Stuciey, Mrs. Recent Stuciey, Mrs. Ramy and Lady Ray Ray Ray and Lopes. Sabrina Lopes. Basson and Baroness von Westenholz, Mr. Mark Westenholz, Mr. Mark Westenholz, Mr. Nicholas Westenholz, Mr. Mark Westenholz, Mr. M

Smith, Mr Gilbert Chalk, Mr Richard Hambro.

Mr Charles Cook, Mr and Mrs Richard Cookson, Mr Henry Cookson, Mr Henry Cookson, Mr Henry Cookson, Mr Henry Cookson, Mr Edgar Cullman, Mr Alan Dewhurs, Miss Peties Smith, Mr and Mrs D Peticham, Mrs S Rae-Smith, Miss Sally Ramsay-Partick, Miss Sofla Ryde, Mr J Scott, Miss Flona Abel, Miss C Bergin, Mr and Mrs Timothy Pilkingson, Mr and Mrs Christopher Pilkingson, Mr James Barclay, Mr Chris Dick Mr John Pryor, Mr and Mrs Mark Home, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Gordon Birdwood, Mr Richard Bonsor, Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Daby, Mr George Bartholomew, Mr Gavin Tale, Mr and Mrs Andrew Rayner, Mr Nell McCorquodale and many other Irlends.

### David Band

A service of thanksgiving for the life of David Band will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at Southwark Cathedral, at 10.45am. Friends and

Wing Commander

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Wing Commander R.A.B. Learnyd, VC, will be held on Thursday, April 25, 1996, at noon, at St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2.

### Lecture

Royal Society of Medicine Professor Ian Isherwood delivered the Jephcott Lecture last night at the Royal Society of Medicine. Later Sir Donald Harrison, president of the society, and Lady Harrison received the guests at a supper held at i

### Reception

Mrs Norma Major Mrs Norma Major was the bost at a reception held yesterday at 10 Downing Street to launch the Mencap Blue Sky Appeal.

# Scots recall the bloodiest battle fought on their soil

By Alan Hamilton

ON a dolorous, windy moor east of Inverness, a silent army of latterday clansmen almost as numerous as the original, yesterday stood in memory of the dead of Culloden, the last pitched battle on British soil that was fought in a mere hour's brief savagery 250 years ago yesterday. Some 4,000 descendants of

those who fell in the Jacobite cause attended an open-air service of remembrance on the battlefield, a shrine to bloody history preserved by the National Trust for Scotland. Bonnie Prince Chartie's raggle-taggle Highland army was barely bigger than yester-day's, hopelessly outnumbered and outgunned by the 9,000 well-drilled Hanoverian Redcoats of the Duke of Cumberland.

Most of the mourners wore the traditional Highland dress that was savagely pro-scribed for more than 75 years in the aftermath of defeat, as George II's Government ruthlessly erased all trace of a feudal society. They stood quietly around the 20ft cairn raised in memory of the 2,000 clansmen whose bones still lie beneath the field.

Many were close to tears as the mournful lament of the bagpipes, played on pain of death in the years after Culloden, drifted across the air. Around the battlefield, others laid wreaths and flowers at the memorial stones of forefathers which litter the ground.

In a prayer which moved the hearts of those present who still have the Gaelic, the Rev William MacLennan



clansman re-enacting his forefathers' stand at Culloden 250 years ago

paid tribute to the men who had paid the ultimate price for their beliefs and for unswerving fealty to the clan chiefs who had called them to war. More than 300,000 people

are expected to visit the battlefield this year, drawn by a major exhibition mounted by the National Trust for Scotland and encouraged by Hollywood's current taste for romanticised Scottish history through such films as Rob Roy, The Bruce, and the Oscar-winning Mel Gibson version of the life and death of William Wallace, Braveheart.

The exhibition, The Sword and the Sorrows, demolishes many myths about the last desperate bid by the grandson of King James II to regain the British throne for the Stuarts. Bonnie Prince Charlie, whose

picture has adorned a million shortbread tins, was more Italian than Scottish, was called Carluccio by his father, and became a drunken wife-

Nor was Culloden a straight fight between the Scots and the English. It was a complex matter of dynasties, politics and religion, and there were many more Scots in Cumberland's Hanoverian army than in Charles Edward's Highland force.

The Young Pretender's choice of final battlefield was disastrous, and determined the outcome before a shot had been fired. The Highlanders knew only one tactic a wild undisciplined charge to terrify the enemy, followed by deadly close combat with dirk and headsword The Hanoverians simply had to sit tight at one end of the flat field and mow them down with musket fire as they approached.

The carnage was appalling. And then Hanoverian troops carried out a process of systematic murder and mutilation among those left on the field "such as never perhaps before or since disgraced a British army".

Defeat ushered in years of cruel suppression in the Highlands, paving the way for the arrival of lowland Scottish and English sheep farmers who chased the re maining peasantry from their ancestral crofts.

But the Redcoats never did catch Charles. He died drunken and dissolute in Rome 42 years later, the last prince of a lost cause.

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### Exotic plants make up for missing hosts of daffodils

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Horticultural Society's flower show in mid-April usually has a host of daffodils from wellknown trade growers - but not this year becaue of the lateness of opened yesterday in Westminster, is strong on spring-flowering per-ennials including the currently popular blue-flowered corydalis such as the C. flexuosa cultivars "Père David" and "Purple Leaf shown by several exhibitors. Pulmonarias, also in vogue, are

much in evidence, such as the tall vivid blue Pulmonaria "Lewis Palmer" shown by Foxgrove Plants, of Newbury, Berkshire. Spring-flowering shrubs also feature prominently. Mathew-man's Went Valley Nursery, of Thorpe Audlin, North Yorkshire. are featuring modern dwarf rhododendrons such as "Razor-bill" with clusters of small upright

tubular bright pink flowers, "Chikor" in primrose yellow, and the greeny yellow "Shamrock". Bodiam Nursery, of Robertsbridge, East Sussex, is showing the pure white dwarf rhododendron "Ptarmigan", and the unusual There is much to interest lovers

deep red Pieris "Valley Valentine". of the exotic, including the first yellow miniature African violet or saintpaulia, Named "Chantaspring", this natural hybrid with myriad primrose yellow flowers appeared in a batch of plants at Woodcroft Nursery, of Terrington St Clement, Norfolk, and is being shown by Glenedd Violets, of

Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire. The Chelsea Physic Garden and the Natural History Museum, of London, are showing a com-prehensive collection of pelargoniums, which shows their diversity

Gold medals have been awarded to Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall (trees and shrubs); Fir Trees Pelargonium Nursery, of Middlesborough, Cleveland (pelargoniums); Glebe Cottage Plants, of Warkleigh. Devon (herbaceous perennials): Green, Surrey (conifers); and Southfield Nurseries, of Morton, Lincolnshire (cacti and succulents). The RHS daffodil competition is

well supported and does not reflect the lateness of the season because most entries were pot grown under glass. Mr F.C. Postles, of Droitwich Spa, Hereford and Worcester, has won the Engleheart challenge cup for 12 cultivars bred and raised by the exhibitor and has included "Honeybourne" with a distinctive honey-coloured trumpet. He has also won the Guy Wilson memorial vase for six cultivars of white daffodils, which includes his own "Nice Day", a beautifully flat small-cupped cultivar. In the amateur section, Mr M. Bird, of Lewes, East Sussex, has won the Bowles challenge cup for 15 cultivars. This exhibit is strong on pink and red cultivars. Derek Bircumshaw, of Oadby, Leicestershire, has won the

Richardson trophy for 12 cultivars.

The best bloom in the show is the large-cupped "Lennymore" in yellow with a red cup, shown by Brian S. Duncan, of Omagh, Co Tyrone, in the class for 12 cultivars In the RHS camellia com-

petition. a relative newcomer to showing has scooped the major prize—the Leonardslee bowl for 12 blooms. This is only the fifth show for Mr A.W. Simons, of Ampthill, Bedfordshire, who specialises in camellias and rhododendrons, yet he beat all the "big names" who have been showing for years.

show is being held with the RHS event. The coveted Sewell medal for six pans of rock plants has been won by Mrs C.M. Coller, of Norwich. Norfolk. Her plant of Cassiope "Muirhead", a mound of small white bells, has scooped the George Gable memorial trophy for

The Farrer memorial medal for best plant in the AGS show has been awarded to Dionysia aretioides, a large mound of starry Fuller, of Wadhurst, East Sussex. A pot of Astragalus coccineus with red pea flowers has been awarded the Audrey Bartholomew me-morial trophy for best plant from North America. It is being shown by Alan Papworth, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

The show, in the Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greyooat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.W. Bartlett and Miss C. Gascoigne and Miss C. Gascoigne
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and
Mrs Donald Bartlett, of Hinton.
Somerser, and Clare, youngest
daughter of Mr Keith Cascoigne and
the left Mrs. Gascoigne of Languageth the late Mrs Gascoigne, of Lapworth,

Mr R.D. Beggs and Miss P.K. Oldaic and Miss P.K. Change
The engagement is announced bereven Richard, son of Mr and Mrs
Michael Beggs, of Dorking, Surrey,
and Philippa, daughter of Mr and
Mrs Keith Oldale, of Eversley,
Hammeline

Mr T.E. Brennan and Miss E.M.C. Rainbow

The engagement is announced be-tween Timothy Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Brennan, of Winslow. Buckinghamshire, and Elspeth Mary Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Rainbow, of Woodford Green, Essex.

Mr M.A.J. Brown
and Miss W.E. Searle
The engagement is announced between Michael Anthony John, second
son of Mr and Mrs J.K. Brown, of Billinge, near Wigan, and Wendy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Searle, of Brisbane, Australia.

Mr E.C. Hamlet and Miss A.E.M. Grigson The engagement is amounced between Evan, son of Mr and Mrs E.F. Hamlet, of Dargiville, New Zealand, and Anna, daugiter of Mr and Mrs S.J.L. Grigson, of Headley,

Hampshire.
Mr A.E.W. Haslam
and Miss L.C. Payne
The engagement is announced between Gus, younger son of the late
Mr John Haslam and of Mrs John
Palfrey, of Fulham, London, and
Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
Robin Payne, of Tarrant Monkton,
Dorset.

Mr J.W.P. Jooes and Miss C.E. James

and Miss C.E. James
The engagement is announced between Justyn, elder son of Mr and
Mrs Vyvyan Jones, of St Dogmaels,
Cardigan, and Charlotte, daughter of
Captain D.S. and Dr E.B. James, of
Northwood, Middlesex. Mr C.M. Maloney and Miss F.S. Prichard

and Miss F.S. Priceard
The engagement is announced in
London between Connor, son of Mr
and Mrs Thomas Maloney, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Fleur,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce
Prichard, of Auckland, New Zealand.
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The engagement is announced between Kevin, elder son of Mr K.I. and
the late Mrs M. Mentrel, of
Blacknest, Hampshire, and Catherine, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs
D.E. Hobday, of New Malden,
Chrystol Mr S.T. Mooney and Miss S.M. Boxwell

and MISS 3-M. BORWER
The engagement is announced between Sean Timothy, son of Mr and
Mrs M.W. Mooney, of Mitcham,
Surrey, and Susan Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.H. Borwell, of Watlington, Oxfordshire. Mr H.A.V. Nicolle

and Miss R.M. Crawley and Miss k.M. Lyawicy
The engagement is aunounced between Hugo, son of Mr and Mrs
Frederick Nicolle, of Littlecote Park
Farm, Hungerford, Wiltshire, and
Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Eustace Crawley, of Chippenham
Park, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Mr C.J. Brocksom, chief executive, AXA Equity and Law Life Assurance Society, 60; Miss Joan Clague, former director of nursing services, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 65; Miss Ruth Etchells, former Principal, St John's College, Durham, 65: Miss Clare Francis, novelist and former yachtswoman, 50: Miss Bella Preud, fashion designer. 35: Mrs Anne Harris, former national chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 71; Mr Henry Kelly, broadcaster, 50; Mr James Last, band-leader, 67; Viscount Margesson, 74; the Hon Sir Humphrey Maud, diplomat, 62; Mr Ricardo Patrese, racing driver, 42: Mr Tristram Ricketts, chief executive, British Horseracing Board, 50: Mrs Dora Saint (Miss Read), writer, 83: Mr Christopher Sporborg, a deputy

The engagement is announted be-tween Benjamin, son of Mr Nick Cussons, of Bride, Isle of Man, and Mrs David Lomas, and stepson of Mr David Lomas, of Ollerton, Cheshire, and Serena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Yeoward, of Pulford,

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Mr J.H. Garrest-Cox and Miss K.L. Jenkins

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and Mrs Andrew Muir, of Itchen Lodge, Hampshire.
Mr B. Marshall and Miss J.S. Pilkington.
The engagement is announced between Brett, son of the late. Mr Stanley Marshall and of Mrs Anthony Clarke, of Church House, Vicarage Lane, Mears Ashby, Northamptonshire, and Janey, elder daughter of Mr Simon Pilkington, of Dorset, and Mrs Angie Pilkington, of Watermans Lodge House. Watermans Lodge House, Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

Charlbury. Oxfordshire.
Mr D.H. Peck
and Miss S.J. Ferguson
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs.
Michael Peck, of Lyndon, Ruffand,
and Samantha, elder daughter of
Captain Duncan Ferguson, RN, retd,
and Mrs Ferguson, of Glenlair, Kirkcudbrightshire.
Mr A.J. Richardson
and Ms D.J. Tillott

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and MS D.J. TIMBU
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs L.M.
Richardson and the late Mr P.B.
Richardson, of Chandlers Ford,
Hampshire, and Debra, daughter of

Mr M.C. Ridler
and Miss C.C. Fisher
The Revd Roy and Mrs Fisher, of
Porthcawl, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Cathie, to Mark, only son of Dr and Mrs Michael Ridler, of St

Mr A.A. Whittome and Miss L.P. Broke The engagement is amounced be-tween Ashley, son of Mr and Mrs Rex Whittome, of Willowhayne House, Sutton, Peterborough, and Lucy, eldest daughner of Mr and Mrs Adam Broke, of The Old Vicarage, Selborne, Mr Ř.G.P. Williams

and MISS C.I. MOCHAIN
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and
Mrs A.R.P. Williams, of Aston End;
Hertfordshire, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.F.
Mochan, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Marriage Mr S. MacCalman

ad Miss A. McAdam and Miss A. McAdam
The marriage took place on April 6, 1996, at the Muckairn Church, Taynuilt, Argyli, of Stewart MacCalman, son of Mr and Mrs John MacCalman, of Airds Bay Argyli, to Alexandra McAdam, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry McAdam, of Esting.
The bride was attended by Mr.

The bride was attended by Ms Pippa Thompson. Mr Bruce MacCalman, brother of the groom,

was best man.
The reception was held at the Taynuilt Hotel, and the honeymoon is being spect in Menorca.

### Birthdays today

Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 80; Mr Chris Barber, jazz musician, 66; Mr John Barrett, tennis commentator, 65;

chairman, Hambros, 57; Sir Michael Vernon, chairman, RNLI, 70; the Right Rev J. Yates, former Bishop at Lambeth, 71.

### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, excavated Ur of the Chaldees, London, 1880; Nikira Khrushchev, leader of the Soviet Union singer, Liverpool, 1941. DEATHS: Benjamin Franklin. phia, 1790; Eddie Cochran, singer, Chippenham, Wiltshire, 1960. More than 100,000 people drowned in Dort, Holland, when the sea broke through the dykes, 1421. Martin Luther was excommunicated by the Diet of Worms, 1521.

Premium Bonds were introduced in Britain, 1956. An attempted invasion of Cuba was

made at the Bay of Pigs, 1961.

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### But now adversity comes on you, and you are impatient: it touches you and you are dismayed. Does your plety give you no assurance? Job 4: 5, 6 (REB) ARKELL - Meta Bachke (nås Grundlvig), beloved mother of ian, peacefully and truly courageously at John Radcilife Hospital, Oxford, on April 6th - after a short lines. Wil be sadly mined by har brother and sister haivard and linger, brother-lin-law and sister-lin-law and sister-lin-law and sister-lin-law and issue-lin-law and issue-lin-law Edur and Marion, micces and neshew hogotiles, Annebeth and Eldar Jr. Funeral in St. Botolph Church, Swyncomba, near Henley, on 19th April at 10.45 am. Enquiries to Howard Chadwick (01491) 8252222. AMSTER - Peacefully at home after a long liness on 14th BIRTHS ANSELL - On 11th April 1996, at Natrobi Hospital, ARBELL - OR 11th April 1996, at Nairobl Hospital. Kenya. to Sophie (née Spurling) and Julian. a daughter. Sasha Rose. a sister for Larg. BRADBY - On 8th April 2 son Jack Humphrey. to Tom and Canadia (née Hill-Norton).

FLOOD - On April 12th 1996. Latra.

HASSUMS - On 15th April at the Kettering General Hospital, Northants, to Sheliry-Anne (nie Simonds) and Simon, a beautiful desglaw, Freyls Catherine.

HOLT - On April 12th 1996 at the Cheista and Westminster Hospital, in Kathery (nie the Cheises and Westminster Hospital, to Kathryn (nés Power) and Nicholas, s

AARSHALL - On March 31st 1996, to Julia (née Hamilton Russell) and Robert, a lovely daughter, Belhamy Firm. CAULIFFE - On April 15th. PHILIPSON - On April 4th 1996, to Amanda (née Hearth) and Mike, a son; Samuel Michael.

SALLTT - On 7th April 1996 to Lucy (net Akroye) and Henry a daughter, Phoene a sister for George. UDOW - Jonathan Philip born

**DEATHS** 

ALEXANDER - Belle on 18th April after a long and brave light against cancer. Beloved mother of Victoria, mother-in-law of Nicholas and conductor of Marineller. grandmother of Maximilian grandmother of Maximilian Funeral 2.30 pm today, Wedneday 17th April at Edgwarebury Cemetery, \*\*Anwarebury Lane, DEATHS

Courses - Alexandrina Heas (née Blyth) at her home Dalmosk Costle in her 98th year. Funeral at St. Mingo's Faiscopal Church. Damoek Castle in her 98th year. Funeral at 8th Mango's Episcopal Church. Alexandria, Dumbartonshire, on Friday 19th April at 12.30 pm. followed by interment at the Vale of Leven Cametery.

COX - Harry pessed away peacefully on 13th April 1996 at St Heller Hospital. Cavination. Funeral Service to be held on Friday 19th April 1996 3 pm at The Erkenweld Church. Levett Road. Buriting, followed by cremation at The City of London Crematorium. All emputries to T. Cribb & Sons-(U/1) 476-1885.

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CROWE - Percy William.
peacefully on April 18th
1996 at Barking Hall Nursing
Home aged 55 years, beloved
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DAVES - CH APP 10th Ann Mores, devoted and beloved husband of Gay and sather of Serena and Hugh. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations to 6 North Ward Fund. Charing Cross Hopkel. Memorial Service luker.

OTTCHBURK - Com Edward on April 14th 1996, beloved husband of Laura and father of Rosallind and Isabel. Funeral at St Nicholas Church Hembey-barden on Friday April 19th at 1.30mm. Family flowers only, donations to Birmingham Heartlands He Coronary Care Unit.

Coronary Care Unit.

FAULERER: - Camwen mee
Fairow) died Sin April 1996
following an accident in the
French Alpa, much loved
wife to Peter, daughter to
Roy and Alwyn, aster to Liz.
Chris and Alan and
granddaughter, Funeral to be
held at 81 Peter's,
Ruddington, Notingham, on
Monday 22nd April at
2.15pm. Priends and
colleagues welcome. A
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Bowets please but donations Bowers please but donations to Midland Bank Pic. Poultry and Princess Street, 40-05-30 a/c 81671332

GAYNOR - Mary Josephina, widow of Harold Francis, peacefully on April 15th. Requiem Mase at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 122 Ladbroke Read, Redhill, Surrey, on Monday Aveil Surrey, on Monday April 22nd at 10 am followed by Interment at Essem Cametery. Flowers or donations to CAFOD. If desired. to Stoneman Funeral Service. Doran Court, Reignte Road, Redbill. Surrey BUL 442

Praminophum, Sourolk, Much loved wife of the late Graham, mother of Anne and Vapda, grandmother of Maxine, Victoria, David and Christophar. Service at Ipawich Crematorium on Priday April 19th at 9.18am. Funarai Divactor.

HOWE-ELY - On 14th April 1996, in Hartre, Lawrence James (Larry). Beloved husband of Cecity. Deeply mourned by her and their fixee children, Christopher, Anna, and Michael, and their families.

Lilliesfield Avenue Barnwood, Gloucester hospital or

JORDAN - Henry, much loved son of the late Peggy Jordan and beloved nephew Jordan and beloved nephew of KR Sabin, Raemolr House Hotel, Banchory, Funeral Service to be held on 24th Service to be held on 24th April 1996 at 12 noon at Putney Vale Crematorium. London. Memorial Service to be held 11th May 1996 at 3pm in Saint Columbas Church. Banchory. All friends respectfully invited.

KEOHANE - Kevin William, CBE KCBG, died suidersty on Saharday 13th April. Adored htssband of Pat. a wonderful fether and grandfather, who will be missed by his many many friends. Regulem Moss on Tuesday 25rd April at 19 tay 25rd April at 12 noon. The Sacred Heart Church. Edge Hill. Wimbledon. Family flowers only: donations may be made only donations may be made to CAFOD or Jesuit Missions c/o David Small, Funeral Directors, 169 Merton Road.

KRAILING - On Monday,
16th April, 1996, after a
short illness. Prudence,
beloved wife of John Kraiting
and dearly loved mother of
Alexandra and Thomas.
Funeral Service at West
Wratting Parish Church
(Cambridgeshire) on
Monday, 22nd April at 12
noon, followed by Interment
in the churchyard.

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Cremaiorium Monday 22nd April 1996 at 2 mm. Pamely flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon. (0171) 937-0787.

LUTYENS - Naomi (née Harben). Quietty at Wren House. Warminster on April 12th. Fusawal Service at The Mandet. Warminster at 2 pm

MAXWELL - On 12th April, Henry W.A. only son of the late W.B. and Sydney Constance Maxwell, and brother of Barbara. Paneral Service at ipswich Crematorium on Wednesday 24th April at 2 pm. Enquiries to Farthing. Singleton & Hestings, tel: (01473) 272711.

DEATHS

PALMER - Veronica Mary peacefully on 15th April 1996 in Sir Michael Sobell House aged 66 years. Loving wife of Alan Palmer of Woodstock and formerly of Highgate. London. The funeral service will be on Tuesday 23rd April 1996 at St. Mary Magdalen Church. Oxford at 11.15 am., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but domations if desired please direct to Oxfam or The Childrens Society.

orium at 3pm

SMITM - On April 13th suddenly at home Michael, deeply loved husband of Jean and loving father of Julian. Philip and Jojo. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Minster, Ramsgate, Monday 22nd April 2.30 pm. followed by private family interment at Monkton. Family flowers only please, but if desired doualons for The British Heart Foundation. c/o W.S. Cote & Sco. Monkton. CT12 4NQ. STEVENSON - Mary (Ming) on April 11th, peacefully in Southampton General on April 11th, peacefully in Southampton General Hospital, in her 90th year

SMITH - On April 13th

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VAN ZIYLEN - See Siddona.
WHIGHT - Pamela Lois on
Monday April 18th in the
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west Cernwall Hospital following a stroke. Funeral at St Elwyn's Church, Hayle, 12.30 pm Seturday April 20th. Flowers, or donations in sid of the Lizard Lifeboat, to the undertakers W.J. Winn, 69 Fore Street, Hayle,

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D'ABREU - Teresa. Simply the best, never forgotten. D. LANG - Violet. Happy Strinday V.W. Speciel and loving thoughts today. Remembering you and lovis always. From Elisabeth. REED - Nichokas Hector, much loved one born 17th April 1946. Remembering all the joy you brought is. THANKSGIVING AINUAH - A Service of Thinkspiving for the life of "Bidp" Minush will be held at St Anne's Church. Southampton. Bermuda on Southampton, menurus. Wednesday April 24th, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS bereft wife, Lilian, and dampine Caire flank all the family, friends, colleagues and students for their cards and letters of condolence, flowers, comforting

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BIRD - On 15th April peacefully after a short liness Geoffrey aged 88
years, denty loyad husband of Joan and vay dear father of Jane and Don and a loving grandya. Funeral Service at Hutcliffe Wood Cremetorium, Shemied, on Monday 22nd April at 11,30am. Family flowers only please but donations hade payable to the Save the Children Fund may be sent to John Heath & Son. Funeral Directors, Sheffield S4 71.5.
BRAND - Suddenly but peacefully at home in North Barwick, East Lottinan, on April 14th 1996, David William Robert Brand, aged 72. Samator of the College of Justice, belowed mashand of Vera and of the late Josephine, loving tather of Jane, Madeleine, Louise and Crellia, and dear grandfather of Lucy. James. Alice. Timothy and Holty. Funeral on Friday April 19th after 11am Requirem Mass from Our Lady Star of the Sen RC Church. Law Road, North Berwick to Mount Vernon Cemetery.

Liberton, Eathering there at approximately 12.45 pm. Remains to be received into church on Thomsday evening at 5 pm. R.L.P.

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MASLAM - Emily Mary (Mary) on April 15th punchtily in hospital aged 35. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday April 23rd at 2 pen. Flowers to T.H. Sandaris & Sons, 29-30 Kew Road, Richmond. Surray, by noon same day.

HORNBY - On April 13th peacefully at St Cathering's Hospice, Crawley, T.C. Hornby of Horshan, Funeral at 2.15 pm on Wednarday April 24th at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

EW\$BURY - Francis, of Lilliesfield Avenue,

Barrwood.

Peacefully in hospital on 13th April 1996. Former Headmistress of the High School Gloucester January.

1956 - December 1972. Funeral Service will take place in Goucester Cafnedral on Tuesday 25rd April at 2.30pm followed by crenation. Donations in Sea of Bowers if desired for The Gloucester Cafnedral, Nine Hundred Year Fund. may be sent to S.C. & B.S. Cocks. 59 Hundlecote Road, Gloucester Cd. 371.

LEVY - On April 14th 1996 Mervyn Montague aged 82 years, art critic and writer, Funeral Service Mortlake Crembbrium Mondey 22nd

Mol(ENZIE - On 11th April passed away peacefully at Clare Lodge. St Albans, Manyawat Mary McKenzie aged 78. Daughter of the late Alexander and Mary Elizabeth McKenzie of Harpenden. Lowed sister, aunt and friend. Funeral Service at Cur Lady of Lourdes. Harpenden on Wednesday 24th April at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired only but donations if desired to BOSCO House Support Group, c/o 11 Spencer Road, Harpendan, Herts. AL5 SNW. All enquiries to Phillips Fumeral Services, Parchment House, 9 Victoria Road, Harpenden, let; (01582) 461100.

SOURCES ON - On 6th April 1996 L Brian aged 80 years. Son of the late Col. I Robinson D.S.O. R.E. and the late Hilda Robinson of Bishop's Castle. Loved Instant of the late Pat and loved father of Maureen. One-time Headmaster of Downaide Lodge School, Puriey, Surrey and for many Purity, Surrey and for many years at Chapel Farm. Wigmore, Herefordshire. Funcral Service on Monday 22nd April 1996 at St Mary Magdalene Church. Windmill HBI, Enfield at 2pm followed by cremation at Enfield Crematorium at 3pm. Family flowers only by request. Dungtions if desired to The British Heart

SIDDONS - Peacefully on sons Robin and Jerems Hunter-Coddington, Funeral West Clandon Parish Church 12 noon Thursday 25th April Family flowers only. April. Family flowers only.

SIVEWRIGHT - On April
12th peacefully at his home
in Harare, David Edward
Vivian late Captain 11th
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### **OBITUARIES**

# PROFESSOR GEORGE CUSHING

George Cushing, Professor of Hungarian Studies at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London University, 1978-86, died on April 12 aged 73. He was born on February 17, 1923.

FOR many years Britain's leading scholar in the field of Hungarian language and literature, George Cushing was regarded as having a command of that glorious yet tortious language surpassing that of anyone else of non-Hungarian descent.

Through his translations he made
Hungarian literature accessible to a wider public in this country.

He did much, as a stalwart friend of Hungary and as chairman for a time of the British Hungarian Society, to promote better understanding between Britain and Hungary. This involved continuous effort over a number of years in which the country gradually emancipated itself from the grip of the Soviet Union - seen at its most brutal in the suppression of the 1956 uprising - to happier and freer times.

George Cushing was born in Nottingham, the son of a Methodist clergyman. He won scholarships to Nottingham High School and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he read Classics. Four years' wartime military service came between school and university, but this was far from being a disaster for Cushing since during that time he was involved in intelligence work concerned with the Central European theatre, and in the

course of it he learnt Hungarian. When he came down from Cambridge in 1947, Cushing turned back at once to his Hungarian, and to the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at London University where he had learnt it. He was to spend almost all his academic life at SSEES. But first, in 1948, he took up a Hungarian Government scholarship at the Eotvos College in Budapest

At the Eotvos College, Cushing turned his academic knowledge of Hungarian into a living, warm relationship with Hungary and its people. With the Soviet Union breathing down its neck. Hungary was slipping fast



into totalitarianism. Its intellectuals lived every day as if it might be their last. In the heady, anxious atmosphere of Eotvos College, Cushing established many of the Hungarian friendships which accompanied him right through

The circumstances of his departure from Budapest were typical of the man. He encountered a group of British young people of the left who were in Hungary on an official visit. He concluded that their hosts were giving them an incomplete picture of the situation and took it upon himself to show them other, less favourable, aspects of what was happening. The expedition came to official notice, and

in 1949 Cushing was expelled from Hungary.

Thereafter Cushing worked on Hungarian Language and Literature at SSEES for four decades. By 1976 he had become chairman of the department of East European Languages and, two years later, a full professor. Although he retired as Professor of Hungarian Studies in 1986, he continued working at SSEES into the present decade, and was in regular touch with his colleagues there until he died.

Cushing brought to his work as a teacher, scholar, writer and translator all the kindness, single-mindedness and clarity of expression of an eccentric bachelor professor who might be

found in the pages of some Victorian or Edwardian novel. His love of his subject conquered many a reservation.

His translations brought the work of a number of Hungarian writers to wider notice among English readers, in particular that of the great 19th-century poet and revolutionary, Sándor Petőfi, and the 20th-century dissident writer Gyula Illyés. He translated Puszták népe (1936), the latter's classic, largely autobiographical, study of the Hungarian agricultural labouring classes — often little more than the seris of the large estate owners - among whom he grew up, as People of the Puszta in 1967. It was widely regarded as being unsurpassable for its insight and the vividness of its language. He also translated Illyes's magisterial biography of Petofi. And in the columns of the learned magazines he went on, as the years went by, unravelling complex linguistic issues such as — to quote the title of one of his obscure masterpieces - The Desiderative in Hungarian.

Naturally enough, Cushing travelled regularly to Hungary. He suffered when harm was done to it in the hard years, and rejoiced when in the end it emerged into the light of full sovereignty, democracy and freedom. He knew the country intimately and loved to recount some of the oddities and quiddities of its complex history. He numbered a great variety of Hungarians among his admirers and

To them he was more than just a great Hungarian scholar and friend of Hungary. He was also the archetype of the old-fashioned academic Englishman. a precise scholar who could nevertheless enliven conversation with flashes of subtle wit.

Cushing made his home in Chislehurst. From it he sallied forth to SSEES; to provide grateful congrega-tions in Methodist churches with masterley performances on the organ; to do his share of work for the Methodist Church (on whose international affairs committee he served for many years); and to visit a great army of adoring godchildren.

### CHARLOTTE BENTLEY

Charlotte Bentley, MBE, campaigner for the rights of enrolled nurses, died on March 20 aged 80. She was born on December 15, 1915.

CHARLOTTE BENTLEY was a nurse with a mission. While she was training at the Royal Free Hospital, London, she was an agitator who became national chairman of the Student Nurses Association, leading the fight for nurses who were in training to become State Registered Nurses to be given student

After qualifying she turned her political attention to the underdogs of ward staff — the State Enrolled Assistant Nurses, a lower grade than SRNs, created by the Nurses Act 1943. She transformed their status both in hospital and in the community.

When she was appointed general secretary of the National Association of State Enrolled Assistant Nurses in 1955, the organisation was in so precarious a state that there had to be a whip-round to pay her first year's salary. This was an investment which rapidly paid off.
With a robust fighter for

their cause, the National Asso-

ciation of State Enrolled Assistant Nurses first got the demeaning word "assistant' removed from their title by a Private Member's Bill introduced in the Commons by the redoubtable Dame Irene Ward. National conferences of enrolled nurses were arranged, raising their profile in the profession. Charlotte Bent-ley did not hesitate to criticise any matron whom she considered not to be treating enrolled nurses fairly or to be exploit-

ing them. But she also brought ma-



trons, nursing tutors and other general register nurses together socially with enrolled nurses in the "all grade" overseas tours she arranged as secretary of the National Association of Enrolled Nurses. These took place in The Netherlands, Switzerland

and Spain.
By the late 1970s she had achieved senior status for enrolled nurses, so that they now ran wards. She established the first scholarship for enrolled nurses, aided by a company who wanted to set up an award for the practical nurse. Eventually the Association

of Enrolled Nurses joined the Royal College of Nursing in 1970, whose members, conscious of their state registration as nurses, had originally adopted an arm's length attitude to the "lesser breeds". Charlotte Bentley then became an officer of the college. Her outspokenness on behalf of those who, unlike her, were not SRNs. did not always endear her to fellow officials at the college. But she continued

her dog-with-a-bone persistence on issues affecting en-

rolled nurses. She always maintained that enrolled and state registered nurses each had a place. But the distinction is now virtually a dead letter. When the United Kingdom Central Council for Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors took over from the General Nursing Councils for England and Wales. Northern Ireland and Scotland in 1983, following the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979, every nurse was brought into parts of one register and the roll was abolished, although the differ-

entiation remained. Today, however, there are no enrolments of pupil nurses for training for the enrolled sections of the register, and many enrolled nurses have converted to registered general nurses. Yet, in a sense, the enrolled nurse category of the 1940s is being reinvented, with the introduction of the National Vocational Qualification for health workers - whose holders may in the future need someone like Charlotte Bent-

ley to fight their cause. At the Association of Enrolled Nurses her first patron had been Edwina Mountbatten, wife of Earl Mountbatten. Fittingly, when she retired from the Royal College of Nursing in 1977, she became secretary of the nursing subcommittee of the Edwina

Mountbatten Trust Latterly Charlotte Bentley suffered from Parkinson's disease. Throughout her life she was an atheist. She never attended church services at the national association conferences - "I would be a hypocrite if 1 did," she said with typical forthrightness.

She never married and leaves no survivors.

### LORD HADEN-GUEST

Peter Haden-Guest, 4th Lord Haden-Guest and UN official, 1946-72, died on April 15 aged 82. He was born on August 29, 1913.

DESPITE the fact that Peter Haden-Guest spent most of his life in America, where he worked at a senior level in the United Nations, he remained the quintessential Englishman in manner and habits. ness with a cosmopolitan outlook. When he succeeded his brother Richard, the 3rd Lord Haden-Guest, to the barony in 1987, he used his seat as a backbencher in the House of Lords to debate foreign matters.

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He had grown up in an intellectual, bohemian family. Peter Haden-Guest was the youngest of five children of the lst Baron, Leslie Haden-Guest, a pioneering physician in child healthcare and Labour MP, who had met Lenin and Trotsky when he visited the Soviet Union in 1920. His mother Carmel was a novelist and playwright. His parents were well-known in Fabian and literary circles and entertained Ramsay MacDonald, George Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells and Rebecca West.

Haden-Guest was educated at the City of London School and at New College, Oxford, where he read History, However, from the age of 17 his main passion was ballet which he studied in London, and which drew him away with the complete support of his family - from a more orthodox career path. He was a friend of Dame Margot

Fonteyn, and in 1935 joined the Markova-Dolin Ballet. He danced with other companies in England and France for the next six years, including Ballet Divertissement, Ballet Theatre, Ballet Jooss, and the Repertory Dance Theatre.

Occasionally he was given a principal role, and he could certainly have made a longer career in dance had the war not intervened. But the outbreak of hostilities found him living in America, and he ioined the Royal Canadian Navy, serving in Intelligence as a lieutenant and stationed in Ottawa.

After the war he settled permanently in New York, living in a flat in Greenwich



Village. He had been briefly married to Elizabeth Louise Coker and had one son. but that marriage ended in divorce. In 1945 he married Jean Pauline Hindes, who was then

working in theatre production on Broadway. Later she had a career in television, becoming vice-president of CBS from

1976 to 1986. In 1946 Haden-Guest joined

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the Secretariat of the United Nations in New York. There were various overseas assignments so that, although New York was his official home, he did not spend such long, uninterrupted periods there as to become in any way Americanised. He visited Santiago, Chile. in 1950, Bangkok in the late 1950s, and the UN offices in Geneva in 1967.

His position was as Chief of Editorial Control, overseeing the output of UN literature in French and English. It was a job which admirably combined his editorial talents with his interest in history and current affairs. He was patient and gentle to his staff, quietlyspoken and unassuming. But once his reserve was broken down - which was quickly he often took people by sur-prise with his talent for mimicry and his outrageous sense of humour. He retained those English habits which suited him, always stopping for tea in the afternoon, whatever business there was left to do. and remaining loyal to English food, which his wife had to scour Manhattan to buy. He never had any trace of an

American accent. He retired from the UN in 1972, and from then on divided his time between a house in East Hampton, where he would swim across the bay daily, and California, where he had grandchildren, and where his wife was taken by business. In 1987 he inherited the barony on the death of his brother Richard, and took his seat in the House of Lords. He visited London every year, but his favourite home remained East Hampton. In old age, being blessed with remarkably robust health, he still had an abundance of energy, and would go dancing every week. Recently he had been writing a

memoir about his childhood. He is survived by his wife, and by three sons and a daughter. His son Christopher Haden-Guest, who is married to the actress Jamie Lee Curtis, succeeds him to the barony.

# PROFESSOR JACK KITCHING

Jack Kitching, OBE, FRS, Professor of Biology. University of East Anglia, 1963-74, died on April I aged 87. He was born on October 24, 1908.

A DEDICATED zoologist, Jack Kitching devoted his life to the pursuit of his twin interests of cell physiology and marine ecology. Early in his career he published papers on osmoregulation and ionic regulation in protozoa, and later. after his appointment to a chair in Biology at the University of East Anglia, he diversified and expanded his area of research, producing a major contribution to the understanding of the dynamics of cell ultrastructure.

He also carried out research at Lough Ine in southwest Ireland at a site which has since become a conservation area. His work there was marked by the award of an honorary doctorate by the National University of Ireland in 1983. He was also elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1960 for his work on protozoa and marine ecology.

John Alwyne Kitching,

known to everyone as Jack, was born into a Quaker family in York. He was six years old when his father died and his mother moved to Bournemouth, from where Jack entered Cheitenham College. Schoolboy interests in natural history led him to study Zoology at Trinity College, Cambridge, and, after graduation in 1931, he was appointed lecturer in Zoology at Birk-beck College, London, where he obtained his PhD in 1933. In 1936 he moved to the

University of Edinburgh, but returned south to a lectureship in Experimental Zoology at Bristol University in 1937. Towards the end of the following year he was on the move again, taking up a Rockefeller Fellowship at the renowned biology department at Princeton University.

It was a productive time and Kitching published at least six colleagues, constructed two

he did not."



papers on the cellular effects of anoxia and high hydrostatic pressure before, with the outbreak of war, his studies were interrupted. From 1939 to 1945 he worked for the National Research Council of Canada, at the University of Toronto. on aviation physiology; hypoxia, severe cold and survival after "ditching" in water. He was secretary of the subcommittee on protective clothing and in recognition of his services to the RAF he was appointed OBE in 1947.

In 1945 Kitching returned to Britain to resume a lectureship at Bristol University. A year later he became a Reader in Zoology. During this time he firmly established his marine ecology research at Lough Ine. He purchased land adjacent to the Lough and, with the help of family, students and

small buildings, providing laboratory and accommodation.

Around that time a number of new universities were being established in Britain, and Kitching was appointed to a chair in Biology at the University of East Anglia in 1963. From 1967 to 1970 he also served as Dean of the School of Biological Sciences. Though stiff, even awkward, in manner and outwardly shy, he was well liked by his students for his kindness and understanding. Aside from his teaching, he expanded his study of cell physiology and also continued his research at Lough lne. producing a long series of papers which continued to occupy him even after retirement in 1974.

Jack Kitching is survived by his wife Evelyn, and by their son and three daughters.

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### PRINCESS PALEY AND SIR GEORGE BUCHANAN. CHARGES REITERATED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
PARIS, APRIL 16. Princess Paley, in the Revue de Paris, replies to certain statements made by Sir George Buchanan in his book "My Mission to Russia, and Other Diplomatic Memories." "Disdaining to notice the offensive accusations which Sir George Buchanan has allowed himself to make against a widowed woman," Princess Paley writes, "I will only observe that he has himself confirmed all that I have

reproached him with in my souvenirs." She points out that Sir George Buchanan admits seeing and receiving at the British Embassy the personal enemies of the Emperor, who, at that time, were the Liberals. "Supposing," she says, "the Russian Ambassador in London conducted relations with the Labour Party, how quickly he would be invited to pack up and go and intrigue

elsewhere." She had accused Sir George Buchan-

### ON THIS DAY

April 17, 1923

Sir George Buchanan (1854-1924), was appointed British Ambassador to St Petersburg in 1910 where he attained some personal influence in Russian affairs. After the revolu-tion, he was attacked by some Russian exites, notably Princess Paley

an of not having forwarded to the Emperor the telegram of the King of England. "Am I mistaken?" she asks. "Did the Emperor receive the telegram? The Ambassador is obliged to admit that

How is it (she continues) that a good many people, Russians and even English, hold Sir George Buchanan responsible for the revolution in Russia to such an extent that he admits that "several friends turned their back on me," and that he has never been able to shake off

the charge which has fastened on him? There must be a reason for that. As to the sympathies or antipathies of the Emperor, Sir George Buchanan pretends that it was impossible for me to know them. He even speaks ironically of the friendship, more or less trustful, which his Majesty deigned to manifest for me. And the Ambassador forgets that my husband saw the Sovereigns constantly and that they spoke to him with the greatest frankness. It was their Majesties themselves who recounted to the Grand Duke Paul the equivocal rôle which the English Ambassador played in regard to them, and how the Emperor and Empress were inspired by it with anger against him.

☐ The Princess Paley, widow of the Grand Duke Paul, last June wrote for the Revue de Paris the first of a series of articles entitled "Mes Souveniss de Russie," in which she accused Sir George Buchanan of playing a part in the Russian Revolution of 1917. The British Embassy, she declared, had, under the orders of Mr. Lloyd George, become a focus of propaganda. Against this and other charges. Sir George Buchanan defends himself in his book, extracts from which

The guidance counselled against

concerned the relationship of need

As Lord Justice McCowan had

stated in R v Gloucestershire

County Council. Ex parte

Mahfood (The Times June 21.

1995), the section 2(1) exercise was needs-led and not resources-led.

The authority had not undertaken

anything like the exercise of adjust-

to comply with the policy guid-ance. If that guidance was to be

departed from it must be with good

reason, articulated in the course of

some identifiable decision-making

process even if not in the care plan

number of points to comply with the practice guidance. While such

guidance lacked the status ac-corded by section 7 of the 1970 Act.

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# Maladministration by trustees

Wild Pensions Ombudsman Before Mr Justice Carnwath

(Judgment April 2) When a pension scheme gave trustees power to make a hump sum payment to dependants of a deceased member, the trustees had not properly exercised their discretion when they made the payment to a person who had cohabited with the deceased and who was dependent on him out of choice rather out of necessity.

Mr Justice Carnwath sitting in the Queen's Bench Division so held, dismissing an appeal by John Allen Wild, a former trustee, from a decision of the Pensions Ombudsman who found that the trustees of the Detec Fund Pension Scheme had exercised their discretion in a manner which cost-stituted maladministration.

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Mr Timothy Carlisle for Mr Wild; Mr Nicholas Randall for the

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the deceased. Keith Hindle-Smith, was a member and also a trustee of the scheme which was established by a trust deed made in June 1985 for the benefit of employees and directors of Montec

He had then completed a lump sum death benefit nomination form stating that in the event of his Tracey Hartley. The deceased died ate in August 1995.

The rules of the fund provided that in the event of death before the age of 75 the trustees had power to pay the benefit to the "dependants. relatives or legal personal representatives of the member".

In the period before his death, the deceased, who was divorced, had lived with Mrs Carol Slack. The appellant and the two other

trustees decided to exercise their discretion in relation to the £140,000 standing to the credit of the deceased by paying £80,000 in cash to Mrs Slack and by establishing a trust fund of £60,000, with the income to be paid to Mrs Slack for life and the deceased's two children to be entitled to the capital in equal shares the event of her death.

The deceased's son complained to the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service who referred the matter to the Pensions Ombuds-man. The appellant had by then retired as a trustee but continued to deal with the matter. The ombudsman ruled that the

trustees' reasons for exercising their discretion in layour of Mrs Slack as "being the lady with whom the deceased had been living for some time" did not of itself suggest that she was finan-cially dependent on the deceased,

divided equally between his son, Anthony Smith, and his daughter. neither did the facts that he was paying the household bills at his paying the household bills at his idress or that he had spent some of his own money to refurbish a cottage which she owned.

The ombudsman held that there had been no valid exercise of discretion by the trustees and ordered that the full amount of the benefit be paid to the son as legal personal representative.

He further ordered that each trustee pay £500 to the deceased's son and daughter to compensate them for their "injustice beyond necuniary loss involving distress and inconvenience as a result of the trustees' maladministration". His Lordship said that the

ombudsman was correct in his decision as to Mrs Slack's dependency. There was no evidence before the trustees, or indeed the ombudsman, that she was not able to look after herself if required to do so. As she explained, she gave up her financial independence in response to the decreased's wishes. but that was a matter of choice and

Although the ombudsman did not specifically distinguish be-tween his two functions under the Pensions Schemes Act 1993 in regard to points of fact or law on the one hand and maladministration on the other, the sequence of show that he had considered the

conclude that the trustees had not investigated the matter as they should have and that that constituted maladministration.

As to how appropriate it was to order the appellant to pay compensation to the children, his Lordship said that it was important that before making such an order the ombudsman should take into account who ultimately was soing to bear the cost of the

The ombudsman was unaware that the appellant had ceased to be a trustee. The pension scheme clearly provided that a trustee was not to be held personally liable in the absence of dishonesty or wilful The draftsman of that clause did

not have in mind the possibility of awards for distress and inconve-

nience. There was nothing which

would justify imposing a personal liability on a trustee contrary to the clear intention of the trust deed which was the basis upon which he undertook his trust.
It would be wrong to allow the award against the appellant to stand unless and until the ombuds-man had satisfied himself that it would not result in a persona

liability on the appellant which

would not be met out of the trust

Solicitors: Rayfields; John

### Council must follow guidance Regina v Islington London authority was required to follow the path charted by the secretary of state's guidance, with liberty 10

deviate from it where the local

authority judged on admissible

grounds that there was a good

reason to do so, but withou

freedom to take a substantially

different course. The ministerial

guidance was Caring for People:

Community Care in the Next Decade and Beyond: Policy Guid-

A failure to comply with the statutory policy guidance was unlawful and could be corrected by

judicial review: see R v North

Yorkshire County Council. Ex parte Hargreaves (The Times November 9, 1994).

A failure to comply with a review

panel's recommendations was not

by itself a breach of the law; but the

greater the departure, the greater the need for cogent articulated

reasons if the court was not to infer

that the panel's recommendations

A second source of consid-

erations which manifestly had to

be taken into account was the

practice guidance issued by the

Department of Health in 1991 the

had been overlooked.

Hancock v Same

[Judgment April 2]

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The owner of an asbestos factory should reasonably have foreseen a

risk of some pulmonary injury to

children playing in the factory loading bay and was therefore

The Court of Appeal so held

dismissing an appeal by J. W. Roberts Ltd from a decision of Mr

Justice Holland on October 27.

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Mr William Woodward, QC and

Mr Jonathan Harvey for the appellants; Mr Wingate Saul, QC

and Mr David Allen for Mrs

Margereson: Mr Robin Stewart,

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ance (HMSO 1990).

Borough Council, Ex parte Rixon

Before Mr Justice Sedlev Pudgment March 15

A local authority exercising its duty to arrange for recreational and gateway educational facilities for a disabled person was obliged to take into account practice guidance issued by the Department of

Further, in reaching its decision as to the provision of care services to a disabled person in need, a local authority could not depart without good reason from the policy guidance issued by the disabled person had learning difficulties, the local authority must conscientiously take into account non-statutory guidance from the Department of Education.

Mr Justice Sedley so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when allowing an application for judicial review and next friend Stephanie Rixon. Borough of Islington received in late February 1995 as to the provision, inter alia, of community

His Lordship granted declarations requiring that in exercising its powers and duties under the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 and section 2 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 the local authority take into account the practice guidance issued by the Department of Health and stating that it had acted unlawfully in carrying out its duty under section 47(1)(b) of the 1990 Act in deviating without good reason from the policy guidance issued under sec-

Miss Jennifer Richards for Mr Rixon; Mr Roger McCarthy for the local authority.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that section 47 of the 1990 Act created a duty to assess the needs of a disabled person and to decide what local authority provision they called for, but not to implement the

Section 2(1) of the 1970 Act positive duty to arrange for rec-

the provisions of section 7(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act

QC and Mr Andrew Spink for Mrs Hancock. LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL given to be free, having considered giving the judgment of the court,

form of a practitioners' guide entitled Care Management and Assessment (HMSO, lifth imstatutory functions. There was a duty under section pression, 1994), which outlined a 4) of the Education Act 1944 to

Risk of harm was foreseeable

them to alleviate the problems of dust contamination were worfully

Their Lordships took the view that in this case liability attached to the defendants only if the evidence demonstrated that they should reasonably have foreseen a risk of some pulmonary injury, not

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trimming the assessment of need to fit the available provision. That in the present case the local authority was in breach by failing There were two points at which, to secure provision for persons in his Lordship's judgment, the with difficulties as severe as Mr authority had fallen below the requirements of the law. The first

While it was at least conceivable that a local authority might conclude that in relation to some with the gravest learning difficulties. the duty under section 41 of the 1944 Act could be met by provision under section 2 of the 1970 Act, it was not for the court to adjudicate on whether Mr Rixon had certain educational needs capable of being met which were not co-extensive with the recreational facilities called for by section 2 of the 1970

However, it was something which the local authority had to take very seriously and assess with care and sensitivity.

For reasons given earlier in relation to non-statutory guidance. the local authority had conscientiously to take into account the circular issued by the Department of Education in coming to its decision (Circular 1/93, issued January 5, 1993).

In the event of an alleged breach, of section 41 of the 1944 Act, the proper recourse was to appeal to the secretary of state. Solicitors: Ms Marion Chester:

Ms Marie Rosenthal, Islington.

### No interest on premature tax assessment

Billingham (Inspector of Taxes) v Myers

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John Judgment March 27]

An assessment raised under section 88 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 on interest on tax recovered to make good loss due to taxoaver's fault, at a time when the tax could still be paid on or before the due date, albeit that the neglect of the taxpayer had caused the Crown to lose its right to recover it on that date, was not made for the purposes of making good a loss of ex and thus the tax charged could

not carry interest under section

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the Crown from the Times December 6, 1994; [1994] STC 1016) that had upheld a determination of Hampstead general commissioners allowing in part an appeal by the taxpayer. Mr Martin Trevor Myers, against a determination made on March 10. 1992 by the inspector of taxes with regard to interest on an assess ment to tax on capital gains of £3 million for the year ending April 5,

Section 88 of the 1970 Act. now substituted by sections (59, 160 and 179 of the Finance Act 1989.

"(I) Where an assessment has

paid until payment." whichever is the later."

Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown: Mr Kevin Prosser for Mr Myers.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the appeal raised a question of construction on section \$800 of the 1970 Act. The authorities established that there could be "a loss of tax" if tax was paid late.

The question was whether an

been made for the purpose of making good to the Crown a loss of tax wholly or partly attributable to the ... neglect of any person, the shall carry interest at the prewhich the tax ought to have been

Section 7 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 provides: "Capital gains tax assessed on any person in respect of gains accruing in any year shall be payable by that person on or before 1 December the expiration of a period of 30 days beginning with the date of the issue of the notice of assessment

purpose of making good ... a loss of tax" if it was made at a time when the tax could still be paid on or before the due date, albeit that

following the end of that year, or at

the neglect of the taxpayer had caused the Crown to lose its right to recover it on that date. The taxpayer's return was issued to him on April 6, 1988. requiring its return within 30 days.

He sent it to the Revenue on November 1. The taxpayer accepted that that amounted to glect" on his part. On November 7 the assessment was issued. It followed from section 7 of the 1979 Act that the tax assessed was not payable until December 7. Had it not been for

the taxpayer's neglect, the assess-

ment could have been made on or

before November I and the tax would have been payable on December 1. Both sides were agreed that the question whether an assessment fell within section 88(1) or not had to be judged as at the date on which it was made. As at November 7 the tax might or might not be

paid on or before December 1.

If it was paid after that date. manifestly there would be a loss of tax. If it was paid on or before that date manifestly there would be no loss of tax; the Crown would be in

assessment had been made on or before November I.

Could it then be said that the assessment was made for the purpose of making good a loss of tax? It could not. True, there was a potential loss. But a potential loss, in ordinary parlance, was not a

Moreover, as Mr Prosser submitted, you did not make a potential loss good. You might prevent its occurrence. But until it occurred there was no occasion for making it good.

The assessment was not made for the purpose of making good to the Crown a loss of tax. It was made for the purpose of collecting tax due which, at the date it was made, had not yet been lost. The primary argument of Mr

Moses was that, in the context of a neglect consisting of a failure to make a return in due time, "loss of tax" meant loss of the right to recover tax on the date on which it would have been payable but for the neglect. That was unacceptable as a permissible construction of the material words in section 88(1). Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John

Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Berwin Leighton.

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice tion 7 of the 1970 Act by the secretary of state.

created the principal duty to re-spond to assessed need. It was a reational and gateway educational facilities for disabled persons. It was a duty owed to the individuals and not simply a target duty. Section 2(1) incorporated in turn

1970 which obliged local authori ties to act under the general guidance of the secretary of state. In his Lordship's judgment, Parliament in enacting section 7(1) did not intend local authorities to

Margereson v J. W. Roberts said that the appellants' factory in Armley, Leeds, had deposited enormous amounts of asbestos dust outside its perimeters

It was never disputed by the defendants that the steps taken by Mr Margereson and Mrs Hol-

land had played as children in the loading bay where contamination was of a very high order indeed. Despite suggestions to the contrary, theirs were not test cases and the outcome of their cases did not preempt those of other possible

The only legal issue in the appeal concerned the duty owed by the defendants to the two plaintiffs. Lord Lloyd in Page v Smith (The Times May 12, 1995; [1996] 1 AC 155. 190) had stated: The test in every case ought to be whether the defendant can reasonably foresee that his conduct will expose the plaintiff to the risk of personal

necessarily mesothelioma.

that it was not until 1933 that, on the judge's findings, the defendants could be regarded as fixed with adequate knowledge of the potential dangers of asbestos.

In Mr Margereson's case, it was argued, his administratrix could not discount the possibility that he had acquired mesothelioma by playing in the loading bay before 1933, when the defendants were developing that condition, so were not culpably lacking in foresight.

In their Lordships' view, the information which should have operated upon the defendants' corporate mind was in existence long before Mr Margereson was born in 1925. No distinction could sensibly be

drawn between the position of employees working within the factory and the plaintiffs. The judge had been entitled to find as he did that the conditions at the loading bays were such that. superimposed upon the conditions in the neighbourhood as a whole, it. was more probable than not that mesothelioma was then

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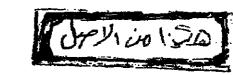
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As the millennium approaches, television programme-makers are becoming obsessed with the paranormal

hen I predicted that 1996 would see the outbreak of millenarianism, I never thought it would be so bad. As the magic date approaches, the supernatural is all over our screens, and I'm not just talking about Anne and Nick's Good Morning phone in on extraterres-trials yesterday. Ghoulies, ghosties and flying saucers are now being publicised by the BBC as, if you please, "factual".

WEDVENDAY APRILITION

1 Who has

ead down

There are no ghosts. I thought this was a generally accepted fact - not a controversial proposition such as "There is no God". But the BBC's current series, Secrets of the Paranormal, prepared by its feet-on-the ground Community Programme Unit, allows mysticcommuners to proclaim, unchallenged, their unearthly powers. Tomorrow night will give us Raymond, a man who, putting on a furmy voice and staring at the camera in a meaningful way, tells

The BBC is losing touch with reality us he is also "Paul", the ghost of a doctor who died 2,000 years ago. least the BBC should append a health warning, or an earnest Fair enough. If Raymond thinks

he is inhabited by Paul, no matter
unless, as in one of the most repellent scenes i have seen offered for early-evening television, he burrows loony fingers into an ailing old man's pasty flesh, and claims to locate the bladder. Raymond says cheerfully that he

has never had any medical training but Paul did, 2,000 years ago (that magic number). Whereupon Paul speaks up: "There's no difference between me and conventional doctors ... Just because I'm dead shouldn't make any difference."

It should make a difference to the BBC. The national broadcasting organisation ought not to be putting out this rubbish. At very health warning, or an earnest studio discussion of the kind that followed Joan Bakewell's discovery in the Holy Land, in time for Easter, of tombs marked Jesus. Mary and Joseph. (If BBCI's Heart of the Matter does not win a Comedy of the Year award for this account of Joan's descent into the sepulchre, there is no justice).

Context is all, you'll agree. The realm of mystery is universally popular: witness the success of The X-Files, a hot favourite now on both Sky and the BBC. But the unexplainable as entertainment is one thing. David Copperfield claims only to be an illusionist. performing wondrous tricks we can't understand. Uri Geller, on the other hand, claims psychic



BRENDA MADDOX

powers and gets next week's Secrets of the Paranormal all to himself to claim, among other things, the healing power of his "energised" teddy bears.

More of the same comes in July, with Out of This World, another six-parter on ghosts, poltergeists. and psychic or out-of-body experi-ences. It promises a balanced look at the unexplained - that is, it will give equal weight to the sceptics. Is this balance? To present science as just another point of view?

In June, to be sure, the BBC will offer Strange Days, an inquiry into modern superstition. It is hardly reassuring, however, that this in-quiry into "the retreat from rea-son" will take in both alternative medicine and psychotherapy - treatments provided by the NHS.

The BBC needs to apply the smack of firm editorship if this phantasmic tendency is not to get out of hand before the year 2000. Some things are still beyond the pale: wrestling, shopping, strip-ping. Ghostly communicating belongs there too, especially when

- hope offered to those suffering from incurable illness or grief.

The placard-wavers on last week's Secrets of the Super-natural demanded the public's right to know what "secret" information the Ministry of Defence holds on UPOs. Oh yes.

Meanwhile, the documents of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the publication of which has landed The Economist in hot water, show the commission about to approve two giant power mergers knowing that these are not in the public interest. The report, prepared for the Department of Trade and Industry, also reveals that one of the MMC's advisers, Patricia Hodgson, the BBC's director of policy and plan-ning, courageously dissented from the decision, pointing out that the mergers would put up the price of electricity. What better information to keep from the public?

The hoary old official argument - that outsiders will not give advice to government agencies unless they are assured of secrecy - has been demolished by the one regulatory agency worthy of the name, Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog. When it invites opinions on proposed policies. Oftel asks that the responses submitted be allowed to be made public. It will promise confidentiality on request, but gives warning that such views may then be given less weight because they are not

open to challenge. Now there's an idea for the BBC. How about "Secrets of Government Departments"? A series that would unquestionably come from beyond the Great Divide.

# Is Auntie even-handed?

Alexandra Frean on

television's

political coverage

o one was more surprised to read on the front page of yesterday's Daily Mail that BBC interviewers were too "soft" on Labour politicians, than the two people who were supposed to have made the accusation.

Lord Skidelsky, a former SDP member now on the Left of the Tory party, and Jean Lambert, a Green Party activist, had been invited by the BBC to analyse the corpora-tion's political output. Having studied a selection

of television and radio programmes, they had indeed expressed doubts about whether the BBC "tested all parties with equal rigour. They concluded that the corporation's interviewers "failed to test Labour politicians ... by allowing them to avoid elaborating on their alternatives to government policies and by failing to question whether big

changes that they proposed were really needed". The two singled out a February edition of BBCI's On the Record, in which Peter Mandelson, MP, adviser to Tony Blair, was interviewed by John Humphrys. Mr Mandelson should have been more closely questioned about his view that there should be "super ministries" to oversee Whitehall, they said.

What surprised Skidelsky and Lambert was not that their supposedly confidential report should have been leaked to the Daily Mail, but that their remarks on political

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Female interviewers such as Kirsty Wark, left, and Sue MacGregor are better at getting politicians to stick to the point

impartiality should have assumed headline proportions. "My view really was that the BBC and the rest of the media do not just report news. They create it," Skidelsky says. "I never thought of this exercise as a news event, but I have

been rung up by ten newspapers about it. A news item has been made out of nothing. This is a prime example of what I was saying."

If the BBC does have a tendency to be more intimidating towards the Tories than the other parties, Skidelsky believes, it is not so much due

to an inherent left-wing bias, but simply "because the Tories have more to answer for as they are in power. The main thrust of Skidelsky's analysis

concerns not impartiality, but context". More important, she the fact that the BBC's coverage has become overly reliant on superficial soundbites, which encourage politicians to tailor their discourse. Head-tohead interviews in particular have become knockabout and point-scoring "sporting specta-cles", which often fail to in-

form or stimulate. Skidelsky and Lambert believe that by adopting a lowerkey style of interviewing, women interviewers, such as Sue MacGregor and Kirsty Wark, are more effective than men at getting politicians to address issues and stick to the point. Lambert's spokeswoman says her comments about political impartiality have been taken "massively out of says, is the report's conclusion that the BBC's political coverage focuses too much on Westminster with journalists and politicians sharing the same narrow agenda.

As Skidelsky and Lambert believe it would be healthy for political leaders not to assume that anything they say would be automatically covered by the BBC, they suggest the corporation drops its coverage of Prime Minister's Questions for a six-month trial. The BBC denies the specific charge that was too soft on Mr Mandelson, but recognises the need for rigorous testing of all politicians from all sides.

Tony Hall, head of news and current affairs at the BBC.

says that the report is part of a rolling programme examining "Any self-respecting journalistic organisation needs to sit down and look at whether it is getting to the right stories and

the right people," he says.
In addition to helping it to expand the range of its news and current affairs coverage, Hall hopes such exercises will allow it to get to the heart of the "big issues" that affect

people's lives. Given the increased pressure from the Government for the BBC to make itself more accountable to its licence-pay ers, it would be perverse of the corporation not to seek the views of outsiders about how well it is achieving this.

### Melvyn Marckus on the tycoon's new weekend read

ACCORDING to fi-nancial folklore the archetypal tycoon arrives at his desk at 6am and moves at least one mountain before ordinary mortals report for duty.

Sunday, the day of rest, presumably represents a dread pros-pect for such businessmen, but since the birth of the Sunday business sections, led by The Sunday Times. Fleet Street has striven to fill the

Sunday business journalism represents a business in itself. The broadsheets, led on circulation by The Sunday Times and The Sunday Telegraph, compete for exclusive financial news. In the business arena, knowledge often equates to power, and any business section that is perceived as a must-read enjoys a guaranteed audience. Nor would any drawing room be complete on Sunday without a few inches of money and personal-finance supplements.

Enter, as of this Sunday, a new contender for the coffee table: Sunday Business. Just below the masthead, on the "dummy" currently doing the media rounds, a profound sixword message reads: "All the business news you need."

This is a highly contentious claim, but, with six sections in its armoury, Sunday Business can hardly be accused of

A degree of mystery surrounds the publication: Tom Rubython, the founder Editor of Sunday Business, and former Editor of Business Age. has remained exceedingly cov as to the identity of backers for the £12 million project. Initial working-capital requirements are understood to have been met out of the E3 million that VNU, the Dutch publisher, is reputed to have paid for Business Age last year. Rubython, 40. admits he is "not too keen" to discuss

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shareholders, but confirms a "close relationship" with the Bloomberg wire service. This close relationship is reflected in Sunday Business's sectionfour offering, Bloomberg Trading Week, a financial section designed for City pro-

Whatever the identity of the backers, some £1 million will be poured into television advertising during this week,

with a similar sum expended

over the ensuing six

A breakdown of Sunday Business's veritable mountain of paper represents no page of the broadsheet cover-section looks remarkably like certain established rivals. and, according to the blurb, "several scoops" will appear each week. Business & Fortune is a tabloid colour supplement

highlighting stories "based on people". A diary by Peter de Savary is threatened. Money & Life. supplement three, mingles the Peps and the Tessas with lifestyle, in the shape of travel, property, motoring and entertaining. After Bloomberg comes a Computer Age supplement, edited by John Lamb, former Editor of Computer Weekly. Appointments heralds "a host of top job opportunities." The price

of all this? 85p. According to Rubython. Sunday Business requires a circulation of 150,000 to break even. The make-or-break factor will be the calibre of those "scoops." City practitioners are hard taskmasters.

The Sunday broadsheets are used to competition - and to seeing it off. It was no coincidence that The Sunday Times last week launched a Stock Market Challenge with weekly prizes worth £10,000 and also published its annual survey of Britain's rich - or that The Mail on Sunday published its 32-page serialisation of a new biography of the Queen inside its business section. The Sunday Telegraph is also being revamped this weekend.

The best Sunday Business can expect, in respect of the City professional market, is to become a second buy to one of the established Sunday papers with strong business sections. If Rubython can persuade 150,000 buyers to do that, he could succeed - but his rivals don't rate his chances.

### Which companies do Britain's top earners rate? Alex Benady finds some surprising answers

classes aspire. You might therefore expect their favourite brand names to be luxury goods — perhaps Aspreys, Rolls-Royce or Gucci. The truth, however, is far more mundane. According to Premier TGl. a definitive new survey, the well-heeled hold their grocers and foreign car manufacturers in the highest

Marks & Spencer emerges as the company rated most highly in a survey of 5,500 professionals and senior managers, the ente "ABs" of marketing parlance. Sainsbury checks in at number two with arch rival Tesco at number five. Mercedes, BMW and Volvo earn third, fourth and tenth place respectively.

Two media companies, the establishment BBC and relative newcomer Walt Disney. put in appearances at number six and seven, and the ubiquitous Virgin pops up at number

eight.
Precisely why Mars gains ninth place in the bourgeois

# Hey, big spender



ABs love foreign cars

pantheon is likely to remain a mystery. "The survey is not concerned with finding out why people like things, so much as identifying in detail what people like," says Steve Cooke of BMRB international, which carried out the survey. However, according to Mr

# THE AB FAVOURITES

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9 British Airways 10 Saab the significance of this survey Jones, familiarity is the one thing that all the top ten goes way beyond a mere companies have in common. popularity poll. There are ten They are brand names which million ABs in the UK,

The results may give the top companies a warm glow but

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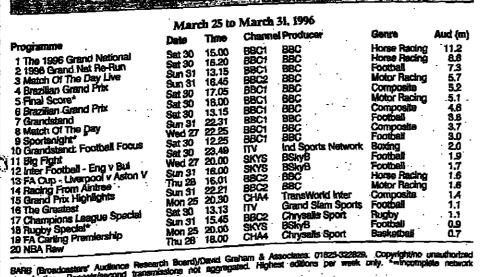
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### Keeping hold of the magnificent eight AS the Commons debate on the Broadcasting Bill and the Olympics tend to get the highest audiences, the Grand National regu-

tion is focusing again on the issue of sports rights and on the eight "listed" events that are currently protected for terrestrial television.

accounting for 22 per cent of

the population. Although the

term AB refers to occupation,

not wealth, they have an average household income of

The eight are: the Grand National, the Wimbledon finals weekend, the FA Cup Final, The Scottish FA Cun Final, the Olympic Games, the Fifa World Cup Finals, the home Test cricket and

the Derby. Although the World Cup

It is, however, well within the event's 10 million to 16 million average audience. In addition, this year the event took a spectacular 78 per cent share of the available audience.

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# THE TIMES TODAY

### NEWS

### **Duke and Duchess of York divorce**

■ The Duke and Duchess of York will today be granted a "quickie" divorce to end their ten-year marriage, it was announced in a joint statement by their solicitors last night.

The couple's case will be heard in the Family Division of the High Court at Somerset House, London, this morning, and a decree absolute is expected by the end of May. The statement said the decision was a personal one and their two daughters would continue to live with the Duchess .......Pages 1-3, 17, 19

### Britain challenges EU over beef ban

The Government again put itself on collision course with Brussels with a legal challenge to the EU's worldwide ban on the export of British beef and a £1 billion package of measures to help the industry. It confirmed compensation for destroying 

### Para-glider recovers

A para-glider who hit a mountainside at 100mph expects to make a full recovery. Pat Dolan escaped from a mile-high free-fall with a broken right leg and three ....Page 5 crushed vertebrae...

### Still dancing

Come Dancing, Britain's longestrunning television show, has been reprieved and returns for a 47th year after the BBC was deluged with letters and petitions demanding its return ...... Page 5

### Petters warned

A teacher and three students were warned that they could be sent to prison after being convicted of pelting Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, with flour and paint ...... Page 6

### Parents protest

The parents of Louise Jensen, the tour guide killed in Cyprus by three British soldiers, have had no apology or compensation from the Army... .... Pages 6, 19

### Mandelson trip

Barclays Bank financed a 10-day trip to South East Asia by Peter Mandelson to assure companies that they would be safe under new Labour... ....Page 10

### IRA bomber inquest

Edward O'Brien, an IRA terrorist who died when the bomb he was carrying exploded prematurely on a London bus, had already planted a similar device ... Page S

### Cancer weapon

A new weapon against cancer, which blocks malignant cells and could prove effective for many of the commonest forms of the disease, has begun patient trials. scientists announced......Page 11

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Negotiations spearheaded by the US have made progress towards drawing up a complex agreement to halt the week-old violence in Lebanon

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Oxford University Press has produced the first dictionary of the lingua franca of the anglophone West Indies, where 5.5 million people claim a vibrant brand of English as their mother tongue. Fun-loving chaps will be in a state of bliss over the publication — or as the dictionary would have it, spree boys 



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In the years since the initial brightness faded, the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York has brought little but disrepute upon the Duke's long-suffering mother and the institution over which she presides .... ...Page 19

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Labour says it will save money byputting the jobless back to work But with macroeconomic policies identical to the Tories' - and business policies, such as the minimum wage, which will destroy jobs at the margin - why should we believe such claims?\_\_

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When policy is motivated by hysteria which can only be sated by slaughter, there is no knowing where the bloodletting can end, There is no better illustration of the madness to which Europe's farm policy has sunk. Some enthusiasts say repatriating agricultural policy to British control would be even worse. Rubbish....

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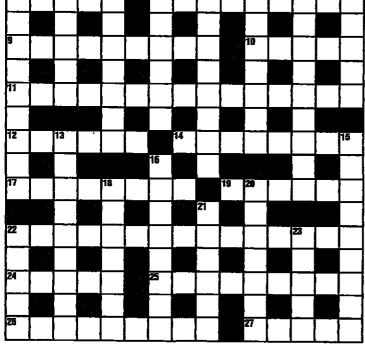
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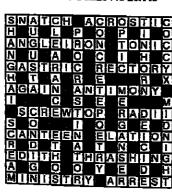
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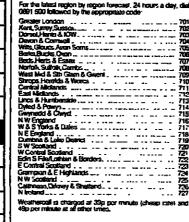
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- puppet (7). 20 A line may be tied up (7).
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few showers, arrives in the west Scotland will start damp with outbreaks of rain but the skies will slowly brighten as sunny intervals and showers move in from the west during the afternoon. After early sunshine Northern Ireland will turn cloudy with frequent showers. The showers will become less frequent at dusk.

Temperatures will be generally near normal for April.

☐ London, S E England: rain spreading eastwards, brightening by evening. Wind southeast, light. Warm. Max 15C (59F).

☐ Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales, N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Scotland, Glasgow, Argyli, N W Scotland: early rain will clear to southeast becoming west light. Warm. Max 15C (59F).

☐ E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N England, N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: outbreaks of rain will slowly clear away eastwards during the aftemoon but it will remain cloudy. Wind southeast becoming southwest, light or moderate. Quite warm. Max 14C (57F).

□ N E Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: damp and misty with outbreaks of rain. Wind southeast fresh, becoming moderate. Cool. Max 12C (54F).

□ N Ireland: surmy intervals and showers, perhaps with thunder. Wind southwest, moderate. Cool. Max 12C

☐ Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: showers or longer spells of rain in most areas but some brighter periods. Average temperatures.

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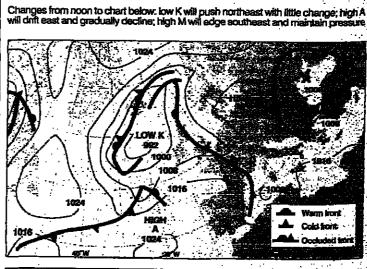
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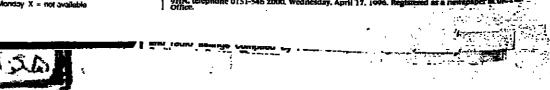
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Josephine Barstow in marvellous voice as Medea



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Steve and Rachel Ovett are selling their stately pile



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# C&W delays filling top post while BT talks continue

MERGER negotiations between Cable and Wireless and British Telecom have reached the point that C&W has put the appointment of a new chief executive on hold.

It has also emerged that the top executives of the two companies met yesterday in an effort to speed up the otiations, aimed at creating a £35 billion global telecoms player

The merger talks have been much more extensive than previously be-lieved. The heads of the companies various departments, including fi-nance, regulation and strategy, have been meeting regularly in an effort to determine how their activities should

best come together. Sir Peter Bonfield, the chief executive of BT, and Sir lain Vallance, the

with a strong presence in Asia.

America and Europe.

chairman, met with Rod Olsen, the acting chief executive of C&W, and Brian Smith, the chairman, at BT's headquarters in London. Sir Peter and Mr Smith had been in contact

with each other before the meeting. Until yesterday, BT insisted that its senior executives had not been in contact with each other since the initial round of negotiations col-lapsed last month and that any talks that did occur were largely limited to the financial advisers. BT's main adviser is N M Rothschild; C&W's is Goldman Sachs.

C&W had been looking for a chief executive since last November, when the board asked James Ross and Lord Young of Graffham, who was chairman, to leave. Lord Young

was replaced by Mr Smith.
C&W then said it hoped to have the new chief executive in place by March. The merger talks, however,

have made the appointment unnecessary. C&W would not hire someone for a position that might disappear in a few months. Similarly, no candidate would be interested in a "caretaker" position.

C&W has an American candidate in mind but would ask him to join only if talks break down, forcing the company to pursue an independent strategy. If the companies combine, Sir Peter, the former ICL chairman

who replaced Sir Iain as BT's chief executive in January, would become chief executive of the merged group.

The companies hope to have an agreement in principle within a few months. Deutsche Telekom would be a top candidate for Mercury, which C&W owns but would have to sell if it merged with BT. The German company said last week that creating a British business is a

# Tesco to create 4,000 more jobs with 24 new stores

TESCO, Britain's biggest supermarket group, is to create 4,000 new jobs by opening 24 new stores this year. The jobs are in addition to the 4,500 new jobs an-nounced last month as part of the food retailer's drive to improve customer service.

The new store opening programme, which comprises eight superstores, 12 compact stores and four Metro stores, comes after the opening of 23 new stores last year.

The news came as the food retailer surprised the City with the announcement that it intended to pay a less generous dividend to shareholders in the future. The group said it had decided to rein in the growth in dividend payments because it was spending more than it had predicted two years ago. As a result, the food retailer wants to conserve

Sir lan MacLaurin, chairman, said: "In the light of the investment opportunities appropriate in future years to pay progressive dividends, but at a rate of growth which is

closer to that of earnings." In January 1994, Tesco announced its intention to pay progressive dividends, well ahead of earnings because of tougher planning restrictions and depressed trading during

As a result, over the past 6.2 per cent.

However, last year the group spent £649 million, of which nearly £600 million was core UK expenditure and was higher than the group had pencilled in three years ago. Tesco now expects to spend more than £700 million in the current year, of which nearly £100 million will be in Europe, up from £42 million last time. The news came as Tesco

three years, Tesco has increased the dividend by about 10.6 per cent a year, compared with the growth in earnings of

revealed a 14.5 per cent jump in underlying pre-tax profits to £681 million in the year to February 24 and a further

increase in its share of the food retail market. Including a £6 million net loss on the sale of fixed assets and the £39 million cost of integrating Wm Low in the previous year's figures, pre-tax profits rose 22.5 per cent to £675 million.

Sales including value added tax rose 19.8 per cent to top £13 billion, helped by a 19.8 per cent rise in UK sales to £12.4 billion. Like-for-like sales rose 8.9 per cent. The group managed to lift its market share from 12 per cent in December 1994 to 13.6 per cent in December 1995.

The current year has started well with like-for-like sales growth of 7 per cent in the first five weeks of the year, far outstripping City expectations. The company said part of the growth reflected the continued success of Clubcard, its loyalty card which has more than eight million users. Analysis had expected a slowdown in

Clubcard had passed the anniversary of its launch in mid-

Sir Ian said: "Clubcard contimues to be a tremendous success, it has helped to attract new customers and has increased the spend of existing

During the year, customers received £62 million of Clubcard vouchers. In its first year Clubcard performed better than expected by making a small profit contribution.

The food retailer reiterated that it expected the petrol price war to cost it £30 million in lost profit. However, the bulk of this was already factored in to City analysts' forecasts.
The final dividend was lifted

from 5.9p to 6.55p, making a total for the year of 9.6p, compared with 8.6p last time. The dividend, due to be paid on July 1, is payable out of earnings of 21.9p a share, up 9 per cent. The shares fell 3p to



Sir Ian MacLaurin continues to bring in the customers with the store's Clubcard

# Asda renews fight over drug prices

By SARAH BAGNALL

ASDA, the supermarket group, is to renew its assault on the UK's last remaining legal price-fixing agreement. the right of drug manufacturers to set prices on nonprescription medicines. The market for over-the-

counter medicines is worth El 3 billion a year. Asda, which played a key

role in the demise of the net book agreement with heavy discounting, is taking its fight to destroy the 25-year price-fixing agreement for OTC products to the European Commission. It is to attempt to have the so-called resale price maintenance (RPM) agreement declared

Nick Cooper, Asda's corporate counsel, said: "This is another outmoded piece of junk law which limits competition and protects the profit margins of the estab-

lishment. Last year we destroyed the Net Book Agreement and as a result, ordinary working people are reading more books than ever. Now RPM on medicines and vitamins

must go."
Last October Asda defied the RPM agreement by cutting up to 20 per cent off the prices of a range of branded range of vitamins, minerals and dietary supplements. The company was forced swiftly to reinstate the prices when the manufacturers sought injunc-

Asda is in the process of launching an expanded range of own-label medicines, which fall outside the ambit of the

price-fixing agreement.
The Office of Fair Trading has yet to make public the findings of an inquiry into the pricing of OTC products, launched after Asda's move to cut prices.

City analysts argue that the abolition of RPM would reduce prices of medicines and reduce the profits of retailers such as Boots and manufacturers like SmithKline Beecham as well as force many small independent pharmacists out of business. In the stock market Asda's

shares rose 12p to 1092p.

### Gas service chief to retire early

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE MAN at the helm of British Gas's much-ma-ligned service division is to leave the company.

David Wells, 55, is to take

early retirement from the company he joined in 1969. Mr Wells, who has headed the service division since its formation three years ago. will leave in late summer after briefing his successor. He has no plans for other work, British Gas said.

The company said Mr Wells had indicated a wish to retire early several months ago and that he would leave British Gas having "successfully established service as a separate business.

His role came under intense scrutiny last winter when complaints about the company's loss-making service division soared. Mr Wells will be replaced as managing director of service by Roger Wood who moves from Matra Marconi

Space UK, where he was

director. Pennington, page 27

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# **OFC** directors accused by DTI

BY ROBERT MILLER AND KAREN ZAGOR

DIRECTORS of the troubled Ostrich Farming Corporation (OFC) siphoned off investors' money through disadvanta-geous contracts with suppliers, the Department of Trade and Industry has alleged. OFC, which has ceased

trading following the presentation of a winding up petition by the DTI, attracted millions of pounds from thousands of UK investors.

The money was used to buy ostriches that are currently at seven sites in Belgium under the care of Eddy Nachtergaele, an ostrich farmer.

in documents filed in the High Court, the DTI said that initially OFC had purchased ostriches direct from Mr Nachtergaele's Zooparc Amo-Safari company. More recent-ly, OFC bought the birds from Wall Street LLC and Wallstreet Corporation (UK) Ltd, which in turn acquired

the ostriches from Zooparc. The DTI petition says: "The prices paid to the Wallstreet

appears to be no good reason for involving the Wallstreet companies in the purchase of ostriches thus permitting Wallstreet to make an undeserved profit at the company's (OFC) expense to extract substantial profits from the company and at the company's expense, for no discernible benefit."

The DTI further alleges that OFC entered into uncommercial contracts with a number of "other companies" that were not in the interests of OFC as a company and that were intended to financially benefit the recorded directors of the "other companies". The petition adds: "Money is siphoned off from the company (OFC) by this method."

One of the two directors named is Brian Ketchell, who is the subject of an application by the DTI for disqualification as a company director in connection with his conduct as a director of Full Force Ltd. OFC, the DTI says, "is partly companies greatly exceed under the control of a person those charged by Zooparc." who is alleged not to be fit to The DTI continues: There be a director of a company.

# **National Power** shares soar on talk of US bid

By MELVYN MARCKUS AND CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE share price of National Power, Britain's largest generating company, rose sharply yesterday as takeover rumours linked to Southern, the US utility combine, swept through the stock market.

In response to persistent demand, market-makers raised National Power's share price 314p to 5214p. By the close of trading almost 13 million shares had changed

Speculation had it that Southern, possibly in conjunction with an American consortium, had raised up to \$12 billion to mount a full scale bid for National Power, valuing the shares at more than 700p each and the whole company at around £8 billion.

National Power and the rival PowerGen are waiting on clearance from lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, for their respective bids for Southern Electricity the UK and Midlands Electricity. Confirmation that the MMC has given a quali-fied go-ahead for the bids was leaked to The Economist last

Southern acquired South Western Electricity for some £1.1 billion during last year's round of consolidation within the electricity sector. Clearance of the power generators' £4.7 billion worth of bids for the Recs is widely expected to

signal further consolidation. A bid for either of the generators cannot proceed without government approval because no investor is allowed to hold more than 15 per cent of National Power or

PowerGen. Some analysts believe it would be political folly for the Government to sanction an offer for the generators, which dominate the wholesale market. Activity in National Power

shares helped the FT-SE index to rise 34.8 to a record close of 3,825.3. Shares in South West Water also moved strongly on belief that Southern of the US

company. Market speculation of a US move has been bolstered by comments from Bill Dahlberg, president of the Atlanta-based Southern. that the US group saw a quick opportunity to buy a water company outside the US to close at 729p.

broad-based union representing a large proportion of water workers, said that job losses could follow a US takeover of the southern water company, which already faces hostile bid approaches from Wessex Water and Severn Trent.

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London close ..... \$392.95 (\$392.65) PFI blow The Government's showcase

Private Finance Initiative. designed to switch responsibility for public infrastructure projects to the private sector, has been roundly criticised by a Conservative-controlled committee of back bench MPs. Page 26

### Satellite link

DirecTV, the satellite television service ultimately owned by General Motors, plans to launch a digital satellite operation in Europe. It is looking for European Pennington, page 27 | partners and a European chief executive. Page 31

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By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE Government's showcase Private Finance Initiative (PFI), designed to switch responsibility for public infrastructure projects to the private sector, has been roundly criticised by a Conservative-controlled committee of backbench MPs.

While welcoming the thrust of the PF1, the committee said better evaluation and monitoring was needed to ensure that taxpayers were getting value for money. In their first report into the initiative, the cross-party committee of MPs also highlighted a series of concerns about delays and other difficulties arising from the initiative.

In particular, the MPs called upon the Treasury to demonstrate with reference to particular examples and total figures, that higher financing costs have been more than offset by efficiency gains".
They questioned "whether

it remains appropriate that private finance options must

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always be explored", and called for "a clear statement of the future revenue commitments implicit in PFI

projects".
The conclusions, drawn after a two-month inquiry, reveal that the Government has failed to demonstrate to the satisfaction of its own backbenchers that the PFI is delivering value for money.

Members of the committee were also concerned about the delays caused by the Government's insistence that every public spending project, however small, was first offered to the private sector.

"It would be unacceptable if the Government's planning for the future provision of roads or hospitals began to be driven by the shorter-term perspectives of private bidders," said the committee.

it added that the PFI, by reducing capital spending, should enhance control of overall pul... ending — but there was ... Janger that it might do the opposite.

Private companies committed to invest £4.8 billion in building and operating projects ranging from roads to prisons last year. The Govern ment is aiming to achiev e -إنه ط 14 commitments totalling £14 lion by 1998-99.

Andrew Smith, the Shar Jow Chief Secretary to the 7 reasury, said the report confirmed Labour concern's that the PFI was being "naishandled" by the Governr nent. In particular, he said. the Government had faile d to set strategic priorities 'to aid pri-vate bidders for 1 projects, or streamline the bidding process so that proje ets could get off the ground it fore quickly. Mr Smith als so complained

about a lack of accountability for public contributions to private fina nce initiatives. and the lack; of guidelines to ensure that the projects offered to the private sector were appropriate.



Right note: Richard Holland, chief executive of Boosey & Hawkes, the music publisher and instrument maker, said 1995 pre-tax profits rose £1.16 million to £5.1 million. The total dividend is 7p (5.9p), with a final 5.47p City diary, page 29

# Defiant Midshires besieged

By Anne Ashworth

SPECULATORS continue to crowd the branches of Birmingham Midshires Building Society despite its decision to raise the minimum opening balances on its savings accounts.

At some branches, demand has even increased as investors clamour to become members, so qualifying for a bonus if the society abandons its much-vaunted attachment to mutuality. One financial ad- not, and never had been, in

viser requested 400 applicamerger or takeover talks. The tions forms. Anyone aspiring minimum level had been become a Birmingham changed to maintain stan-Midshires member at 17 city dards of service. centre branches now needs ☐ The Chelsea Building Soci-

£1,500. At other branches, the minimum is £500. Bid rumours have gained strength after the announcement that the Bristol & West is to be taken over by the Bank of Ireland. However. a spokesman said that the society was

ety has closed four accounts, having seen new accounts grow tenfold. It has withdrawn three share accounts which carry voting rights and so are entitled to participate in any

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### **CBI** gives warning on job insecurity

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOB insecurity can undermine Britain's economic prosperity. Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, said last

His statement on the eve of publication of the latest unemployment figures today will be seized on by Labour leaders as recognition of the importance they have been attaching to attacking rising job insecurity. Addressing business leaders in Leeds, Mr Turner

referred to the claim by Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, that job insecurity was a "state of mind", saying that while insecurity might be a matter of perception, in business perceptions mattered.

He said: "Unless addressed, that feeling of insecurity can undermine the consumer confidence and public acceptance of the flexibility so vital to the

UK's future prosperity." Mr Turner, who drew accusations of being too close to Labour when he said recently that higher growth would and should lead to higher wages. added that education and training to ensure people's continuing employability would be vital for the return of the economic "feel-good"

While Britain spent a higher proportion of output on education than Germany or Japan, it did not seem to be getting a better result for it. He ques-tioned "whether some of our problems are not the product of mistaken educational policies pursued over many years".

Ministers hope that the latest unemployment figures will show a fall in the number out of work and claiming benefit after last month's surprise 6,800 increase. But Labour will claim that the number of people forced into part-time or temporary work has risen by more than a third since the last general election.

Michael Meacher, Labour's employment spokesman, will claim that more than 1.4 million people are "underemployed", working parttime, or on temporary contracts because of a lack of full-time jobs.

At the crossroads? page 29

# Second director to quit First Choice

FIRST CHOICE HOLIDAYS, the UK's third-largest tour operator, is to lose its second board member in six months. Peter Phillipson, managing director of the UK tour operating division, confirmed yesterday that he had given six months' notice. He is rumoured to have fallen out with Francis Baron, chief executive, over the commercial direction of the company. No replacement has yet been found, although the company says it is looking to appoint an outsider.

Mr Phillipson's decision to quit comes within months of the resignation of Malcolm Heald, First Choice's respected finance director, who is also believed to have left the company because of a personality clash. Mr Heald joined Hepworth and was replaced by David Gill, former finance director of Proudfoot.

### Threat to bank jobs

UP TO 30,000 banking jobs could be lost if the Treasury approves plans to end the physical exchanging of cheques between banks, according to Bifu, the banking union. The plans propose that cheques no longer go physically through the clearing system. Instead, computers would deal with them electronically. Ed Sweeney, general secretary of Bifu, said: "Staff displaced should be switched to help customers at hard-pressed counters and to raise staffing levels elsewhere."

### Construction orders fall

NEW construction orders fell for the second month running in February, according to the Department of the Environment. However, taking the three months to February together, orders were 9 per cent up on the previous three and 11 per cent up on the same period a year ago. Comparable figures for private housing were 5 per cent and 18 per cent lower; public housing and housing associations, 6 per cent up but 10 per cent down; and in infrastructure, 6 per cent lower but 10 per cent up.

### Peptide in Mochida link

PEPTIDE THERAPEUTICS, the biopharmaceuticals company that floated in November, said yesterday that there is a good chance it will strike a licensing agreement with Mochida Pharmaceutical of Japan by the end of the year. The agreement would allow Mochida to test and eventually sell Peptide products in exchange for royalty payments. Peptide reported an operating loss of £3.8 million in the year to December 31 after additional investment in research and development.

### **Gradus advances**

GRADUS GROUP, manufacturer of flooring accessories and lighting systems, made pre-tax profits of £3.6 million last year, a rise of 15.8 per cent. The result was achieved despite a lack of improvement in trading conditions. Earnings were 13.48p a share, up 11.9 per cent. The company, which secured a stock market listing last year, is paying a final dividend of 3.6p a share for a maiden total of 4.6p. The shares were unchanged at 126p, against a placing price of 122p.

### APH plans expansion

AUTOMOTIVE Precision Holdings, the manufacturer of high precision components for the automotive industry, proposes to expand manufacturing capacity at its site in Tonbridge. Kent, to cater for expected growth in demand. Yesterday the company reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £6.1 million 1995, compared with £5.6 million. Earnings were 10.1p a share, rising from 9.1p. The total dividend is increased to 5p a share from 3p, with a final 3.3p due on May 31.

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# □ DTI's plans for disorderly meetings □ Cost of British Gas service disaster □ South West bidders deserve equal measures Troublemakers have rights too

☐ THE average shareholders' meeting is a dreary affair. Those for the larger companies attract hordes of trippers up from the shires, keen to follow up with a trip to the Army & Navy out each with one nit-picking query to justify the train fare.

Smaller companies can only

hope to attract a couple of bored fund managers, co-opted by vir-tue of their relatively low place in the institution's pecking order. Thank heaven they are usually over in seconds,

But every now and then along comes a meeting so exceptional, such fun, that those present count themselves privileged to be there. Who could forget the Midland Bank tank? Or Cedric the pig at British Gas? (By the by, cruel rumour had Cedric mar-ried up with sage and onion stuffing a few months stuffing a few months ago: untrue, Cedric, in fact a Cedricina as it turns out, is both alive and, indeed, in pig.)

There was the man who arrived at Burtons dressed as a banana, for reasons best left unexplained, during the marital turnoils of Sir Ralph Halpern some years ago. More seriously, the likes of ICI, British Aerospace, Hanson and any number of banks have been targeted by zealous bands of protesters who have used the companies' annual window on the world as a means of highlighting their grievances.

They are a nuisance — unless you happen to share their views. But they are an inevitable nuisance, because company law requires directors to share the same space once a year as the people who elect them and who own the company, the shareholders. Tamper with that, and you

might as well throw away the corporate governance handbook. A number of executives would rather like to. Meanwhile the City thinks they are a waste of time. Paul Myners at Gartmore, who chaired a City/industry working group on the matter, would like to make meetings more useful for the big institutions, which must agong other things mean curbing or jettisoning the special internet arouse.

ing the special interest groups.

The Department of Trade and Industry is now considering whether to require companies to bear the heavy cost of circulating resolutions from such ginger groups ahead of the meeting. This currently falls on those investors, and the DTI has put out a consultative document inviting informed comment. This must amount to a strengthening of the position of This must amount to

special interest groups. So at the same time, the DTI accepts that something must be done to discourage the "troublemakers" and separate them from those with a genuine case, and is looking at ways to minimise trouble at the actual meetings.

But you can't have it both ways. You can't filter out one set shareholders and allow through another, as part of a bargain to award all investors more clout. Troublemakers with shares are shareholders. The laws on public disorder are the only curb on their behaviour. If you don't like that, take the company private.

### Pressure in the pipeline at Gas

SPEAKING to this paper in February, David Wells suggested that either he and the much-despised British Gas service business would get its act together in time for next winter or the whole company would go

down the tubes.
It seemed fair at the time, but yesterday his employer unveiled

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a third option. Mr Wells, 55, is taking early retirement, to be replaced by young, thrusting Roger Wood, who is, er, 53. Mr Wells' departure is not as

brutal as it might seem, but one those staggered departures that suggest a degree of truth in the well-worn phrase "an ami-cable parting". He is at least staying around for a few months to ease the changeover. But British Gas has clearly decided that the problems at the service side, which climaxed in public vilification when thousands of people found that their prompt service guarantees were almost worthless, cannot be resolved by the existing management.

Their resolution will come by the first cold spell of next winter,

**BICC** chief

gets bonus

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SHAREHOLDERS in

BICC, the cable and con-

struction group, yesterday

voted through proposals to give Alan Jones, the new

chief executive, a cash and

shares bonus worth up to 75 per cent of his basic

salary over three years. He

earns the equivalent of

Other directors and se-

nior managers will also be eligible for bonus awards

up to a maximum of 50 per

cent of their average pay

based on the final two years of the three year

The three-year incentive plan will be based on the

company's dividend and

share performance from

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similar to BICC.

or else. The damage this year is done, and it will be quantified by how many thousands of customers refuse to renew their annual service contracts, which by the nature of things tend to fall due in the autumn. Too few customers and the business. which after last year's disasters will have to gear up to meet close to the maximum workload that can be forecast on the existing customer base, will be wildly unprofitable. For investors, this

is all irrelevant because service is being lumped into that half of the British Gas demerger, which may even be worthless anyway

— the bit that contains supply and those accursed "take-or-pay contracts that could bring the company down if not renego-tiated with the North Sea

suppliers.
This half, which deals direct with the public and will probably retain the British Gas name, is dubbed DuffCo by outsiders. and British Gas chairman Richard Giordano says he would be keen to ease his Aunt Maud out of it. It will therefore be given away free with the profitable part on demerger. If those contracts are not renegotiated to take at least some of the pain away, a few bust boilers next winter will be the least of its problems.

### Down by the water's edge

DPROD any executive hard enough and you will get a tirade about how the mandarms of Whitehall and the competition watchdogs have it in for British industry, and will always favour foreign firms. Sometimes, especially after the second brandy, the criticism widens to take in the Government as well. At times they have a point. The

arcane rules governing take-overs in the water industry say that if a fellow supplier bids, that is, one with proven ability on home turf of supplying the stuff, that bid must be picked apart by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. If the Waterworks Company of the grey and greasy Limpopo bids, it could go through on the nod.

This is because the first raises matters of competition, the last does not. This, potentially, is the situation at South West Water, where two English bidders are about to be shuffled off to the Commission for three months why does it take three months? Does someone at the MMC

actually enjoy the process?
Yet the US firm Southern, a possible bidder it is thought, could go through unscathed, tying the deal up while the other two are becalmed at the MMC. There is a public interest pro-vision that could prompt a reference, and indications are that Ian Byatt, the water regulator, is keen for one. He is right to be. If Southern bids, it should be referred to allow all possible buyers of South West to compete equally. Both shareholders and customers would benefit.

### Traveller's check

☐ THE Birmingham Midshires has tried to kill rumours that investors could be heading for a windfall but still they queue around the block to open new accounts. Nobody believes any-thing building societies say any more. The solution adopted borders on the surreal. The size of deposit has been raised - fair enough. But in 17 branches identified as most attractive to carpet-baggers it has been jacked up even higher. Will anyone with the £500 now needed balk at the bus fare to the cheaper branch?

# Braas roofing merger brings Redland £220m

By Paul Durman

German

REDLAND, the building materials company, will receive £220 million for merging its wholly owned roof tile businesses with those of Braas, its German subsidiary.

The deal will create Redland Braas Building Group which, with annual sales of £1.3 billion, will be the world's leading roofing company. Redland will have a 56.5 per cent stake in RBB, up from the 50.76 per cent shareholding it currently owns in Braas.

Robert Napier, Redland's chief executive, said unifying the business under a single management team will enable RBB to produce significantly better results. Decisions on the location of ne no longer be complicated by

British and shareholders.

Braas is hugely powerful in the German building industry, with a 46 per cent share of the German roofing market. It makes more than 5,000 different tiles and other roofing

Last year Braas made pretax profits of £225.7 million on sales of £1 billion, making it much more profitable than Redland's tiling companies, which produced £38.5 million of profits from sales to £289 million. Three-quarters of RBB's pro forma profits come from Germany.

The Redland businesses joining RBB include Redland

Ireland business is currently excluded.

The deal values the Redland businesses at £440 million and Braas at £1.679 billion. It will take effect on January I, with the Redland companies structured to have no net cash. Mr Napier will be chairman

of RBB while the chief executive will be Erich Gerlach. chief executive of Braas. Herr Gerlach and Helly Bruhn-Braas, chairman of the Braas Family Trust, will join the board of Redland. Asked about the possibility

of a more far-reaching merger between Redland and Braas. Mr Napier said the Braas family and other minority shareholders in the Germa Redland Dakprodukten in the company had no wish to take the different interests of the Netherlands. The Northern an interest in Redland's aggre-

gates business. The deal, negotiated over the last two months, will improve the cashflow Redland receives from its roofing interests. Provided RBB's borrowings re-main below DM600 million. Redland will be able to take an £82 million dividend. This is an increase from its current entitlement to £54 million, although Braas had already

allowed Redland to receive £75

million in 1995 and 1996. Redland is still working on the sale of its brickmaking business. An announcement is expected in the next two weeks, with CINVen, the venture capital group, and Wienerberger of Austria regarded as the fa-

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# Hanson sells battery group

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

HANSON yesterday continued its sell-off programme ahead of the four-way split of the company with its sale of Eveready

South Africa to Duracell. Sale of the South African battery business follows Hanson's disposal in 1992 of Eveready UK to Ralston Purina of the US. Yesterday's sale means that Hanson has made a substantial profit on

the battery company it bought in 1981 for £95 million. Duracell paid £84 million for Eveready SA while Ralston Purina bought the UK arm for £132 million. Eveready SA in the year to September 30 made sales of £64 million.

Hanson will retain Crabtree. a manufacturer of electrical equipment that formed part of the Eveready package.

tive of Hanson, said: "This sale

demerger programme, which The chemicals and tobacco

businesses of Hanson will become separate entities by the end of September while the energy company will be divorced from the parent com-

pany by the end of the year.

Hanson completed the £1.9

billion disposal of assets in the
US last month with the £1 billion sale of the remainder of Cavenham, its forestry indus-tries business. It had begun the sell-off in the US at the start of the year, before the announcement of its demerger, in a drive to reduce debt. Hanson's shares, which

have underperformed the market and have slipped from a recent peak of 210p when the flickered on news of the sale marks further progress in our and added a penny to 1894p.

### CU expects increase in life business

COMMERCIAL Union expects life business to rise this year although pressure on general insurance premiums in the UK will mean first-quarter profits will be "soggy", John Carter, chief executive, said yesterday (Marianne

Curphey writes), Mr Carter said that profits would also be affected by bad weather in the US, which cost the company £12 million in January. CU shares slipped 1p to 587p.

The company reported record pre-tax profits of £509 million in February, in spite of paying out £33 million in the UK for cold weather damage.

Mr Carter said after the annual meeting yesterday that first-quarter figures, due on May 15, would an increase in from investments.

# Tie Rack aims to expand

TIE RACK, the high street and airport retailer of neckwear and fashion accessories, plans to expand its store base by more than 10 per cent in the current year by opening up to 50 new outlets. Most of the new stores will be overseas. The retailer

opened 50 stores last year, taking the total to 379 in 26 countries. As a result, the number of Tie Rack stores overseas exceeded those in the UK for the first time. Nigel McGinley, chief executive, said: "We have already

opened ten new stores this year and expect to open another 30 to 40. Of these about 90 per cent will be overseas, principally in continental Europe." Tie Rack, whose chairman is Roy Bishko, announced a 7

per cent advance in pre-tax profits from £7.4 million to £7.9 million in the year to January 28. The rise was held in check by the costs involved in setting up in new markets and investment in the group's warehouse in Chiswick. Group sales rose 15 per cent to E96.6 million, while like-for-like sales were flat. A fall in UK profits was

more than offset by improved results from all the group's other geographic regions.
The final dividend was held at 2.25p. making a total for the year of 2.75p, up from 2.25p last time. The dividend, due on July 30, is being paid out of

carnings of 9.87p a share, up

from 9.34p last time.

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Roy Bishko, left, and Nigel McGinley saw profits rise

Cobham on the acquisition trail

By Paul Durman

# to Reuters cash plans

No clues

Reuters, the financial information and electronic trading group, disappointed the City yesterday when it failed to disclose its preferred method of distributing excess cash to shareholders. The shares slipped 2p to 749p.

The company said only that

it "expects to resolve this issue by the end of the year". Options include a share buyback, similar to the £350 million buyback in 1993, or a special dividend. Reuters had £850 million in cash at the end of its last financial year. It has not put a figure on how much it intends to return to shareholders.

### DTI action

The Department of Trade and Industry yesterday has obtained an interim injunction against The Economist magazine, stopping publication of further details of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the proposed takeover of two regional electricity companies by National Power and PowerGen.

### Morris ahead

The legal obstacles facing the US tobacco industry had little effect on Philip Morris, the world's largest cigarette company, during the first quarter of this year. Despite litigation from anti-smoking activists, sales rose to an all-time high and net earnings increased by 14.8 per cent.

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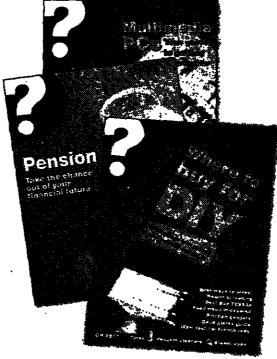
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pany had £76 million of its £120 million of shareholders' funds in cash, and had recently raised \$50 million through a loan note issue in America. The board was prepared to see group borrowings rise to 70 per cent of net assets, from 13.6 per cent at the end of 1995.

COBHAM, the aero engineer-

ing business, is ready to spend

£100 million to 150 million on

Giles Irwin. Cobham's fi-

nancial director, said the com-

an acquisition.

Gordon Page, chief execu-tive, said: There are some fundamental changes taking place in the aerospace business, and we want to be able to take advantage of them. We know what we want to buy. It's a question of whether we

could buy it." Cobham, best known for inflight refuelling equipment, was reporting pre-tax profits for 1995 of £29.8 million - a 31 per cent improvement, although the comparison is flattered by £3 million of exceptional costs in 1944. Cobham said profits of £8.1 million from Westwind Air Bearings, the £75 million pur-

chase made just before Christmas, exceeded expectations. Westwind was a move out-

side aerospace. It makes high technology air-bearing spindles used in the precision drilling of printed circuit boards and semiconductor manufacture. It is also involved in the planned launch

of a high-speed colour laser Cobham's manufacturing

arm, which includes the Flight Refuelling division, increased profits from £15.5 million to £21.7 million. FR Aviation, which provides electronic warfare training and other services to the Royal Navy. increased its profits from £7.3 million to ES.I million.

The group is paying a 6.6p

# National Power put into play as takeover target

gest of Britain's power generators, has been put into play as an eventual takeover target.

This follows yesterday's sharp rise in National Power shares of 312p to 5212p, and in the partly paid shares of 30p to 387p. Turnover was heavy with almost 13 million shares changing hands. At these levels, the group is valued at £5.56 billion

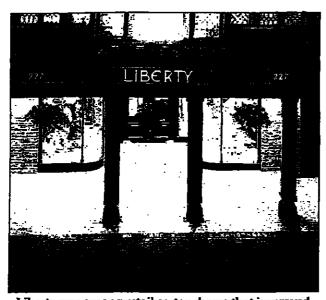
Talk in the Square Mile last night claimed a bid from an American utility was imminent. The nosey buying by the heavyweight speculators would certainly suggest that something is afoot, but it is unlikely that any move will be made until after the next round of consolidation within the electricity industry gets underway. The Department of Trade

has already received the Monopolies and Merger Commission report on National Power's and PowerGen's bids for regional electricity companies. Southern Electricity, eased 2p to 885p and Midlands Electric firmed lp at 397p. Any bidder for National Power would have to overcome the golden share that the Government retains. The special share has the power to block any unwanted bid. Certainly, the size of the rise

in the National Power share price and the heavy turnover would indicate that this is more than the usual run-ofthe-mill stock market ramp. The quality of the speculative buyers will give the National Power board something to think about.

The flurry of activity in National Power share price spilt over into the rest of the market, where prices breached the 3,800 level for the first time to close at a record high with a rise of 34.8 at 3,825.3. By the close, almost 900 million shares had changed hands. The move by the London market comes on the back of a 60-point rise by the Dow Jones industrial average in New York, which was again extended in resumed trading last night.

Speculative buying was also recorded among the water companies after Southern international, the US utilit group, said that it was looking to make a bid. Southern is poised to sell half its stake in South West Electricity, the regional electricity company it bought last year for El.1 bil-



Liberty was among retail sector shares that improved

of Southern, told BBC Radio's Financial World Tonight that he would use the proceeds from the sale of the stake in Sweb to bid for a water

Last night, the speculation uggested Southern might bid for South West Water, already the subject of bid approaches from Severn Trent, up 12p at 603p, and Wessex Water, up

ish Retail Consortium recorded a 7.5 per cent rise in like-forlike sales last month. Even allowing for the run-up to Easter, sales were up 5 per cent. Double figures gains were recorded among leading retailers. Boots, the subject of a buy recommendation from NatWest Sescurities, the broker, on Monday, led the way with a leap of 21p to 640p.

Northamber responded to a positive trading statement with a jump of 13p to 289p. Tim Steer, at Merrill Lynch, the broker, has upgraded his profit forecast for the current year. from £4.8 million to £5.4 million, and for 1997, by £700,000 to £6.7 million. With the shares trading at a discount, he is urging clients to buy.

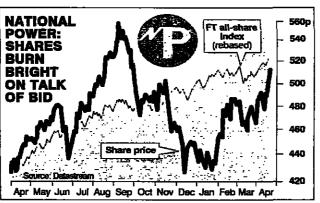
14p at 345p. South West responded to the gossip with a iump of 13p to 729p.

Elsewhere, those attracting support were Southern Water, up 19p to 769p, Thames, up 17p to 586p, Yorkshire, up 12p to 698p and United Utilities, up 4p to 604p.

Evidence of an upturn on the high street set the stores sector alight and bolstered sentiment generally. The Brit-

Rises were also seen in Liberty, 15p to 390p, Marks & Spencer, 10p to 4521/2p, Great Universal Stores, 23p to 742p. Storehouse, 5p to 352p, Next, 20p to 578p, Oasis Stores, 14p to 349p, Innovation. 20p to 175p, and QS Holdings, 6p to

Dixons, up 17p at 506p, is due to give a presentation to brokers in London later today on prospects for its digital



firmer at 665p, reports next week. There was a muted response to full year figures from Tesco, Britain's biggest supermarket chain, which re ported pre-tax profits of £681 million, compared with £595 million last time. Sales of more than £13 billion were boosted by the introduction of its Clubcard. Brokers complained that it

was difficult to judge from the figures the cost of the petrol price war on profits. Some of them estimate the final bill could be as high as £30 million. The share finished 3p cheaper at 287p.

Full-year figures from Tie Rack failed to match expectations leaving the price 5p lower at 165p. Pre-tax profits rose £500,000 to £7.9 million.

Reuters slipped 2p to 749p in response to news of a 17 per cent increase in first-quarter revenue to £713 million. But the group said that there were signs of a definite slow-down in revenue from information products. This has been attributed to a consolidation in the financial services industry.

A sharp jump in profits at Cobham, the old Flight Refuelling group, was rewarded with a rise of 18p at 549p. The group boasts a current order book of more than £300 million and has pitched for several other contracts. ☐ GILT EDGED: Prices were squeezed higher in early trading and the best gains were held with the support of a positive performance by Ger-

There had been concern that the market would turn easier after the terms of the next auction were announced, with the Government planning to issue a further £3 billion of Treasury 7<sup>1</sup>2 per cent 2006. The amount being issued was at the top end of the range. The auction is due to take place on April 24

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RECENT ISSUES

IN THE lexicon of hackneyed slogans used by

Now Tesco has undergone a change of United Kingdom.

# **TEMPUS**

# Little progression

holders have given Redland

an improved dividend flow

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would rather be sharehold-

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company chairmen, the phrase "progressive dividend policy" must rank as one of the more misleading and Tesco, yesterday, revealed itself to be a big offender. Two years ago, the food retailer found itself fighting a price war, while rising food costs undercut its margins. It decided to cut back on a huge building programme aiming to reverse a cash outflow but promised to "pay progressive dividends, well ahead of earnings".

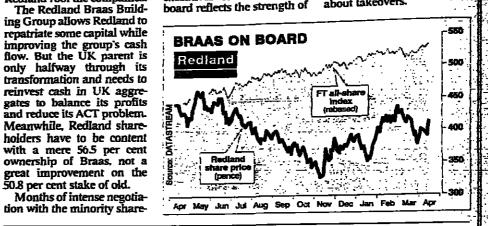
heart. The company is, once again, raising capital expenditure with more stores planned both in Central Europe and in the

Something has to give and it is the dividend. but Tesco still insists that it intends to "pay progressive dividends but at a rate of growth

which is much closer to that of earnings Tesco's problem is not merely a tendency to use language that obscures meaning but one of weak earnings growth. The market is forecasting a low single-digit earnings increase this year thanks to the cost burden of Tesco's recent drive for sales. At the same time, there are doubts that investment in Central Europe will yield much in the way of profit during the short term.

Tesco's dividend cover of 2.3 times is high, compared with a market average of 1.9 times. but earnings growth of 5 per cent is way below forecasts for the all-share index. By any measure. Tesco ought to be yielding more than 4.2 per cent and its reluctance to pay out more raises concerns about warchests. At the very least the retailer should abandon pretensions to progressive policies.

> the former versus the perceived weakness of the latter. However, Rediand still has a chance to prove that the tail is not wagging the dog when it reinvests the proceeds of yesterday's deal. A bid for a UK aggregates group might be tempting. but Redland's investors may not wish to be reminded about takeovers.



### Cobham

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AFTER eight consecutive years of being grounded with profits barely ahead of 523 million, Cobham, the aeroengineer, has finally become airborne, making profits of 529.8 million in 1995. The City is forecasting £41 million this year.

A lot is riding on the recent acquisition of fast-growing Westwind Air Bearings. The Poole firm's technology is used in precision drilling of printed circuit boards and semiconductor manufacture. The technology also has interesting applications for high-speed laser printers.

There seems little to cona business like

Westwind and Cobham's existing in-flight refuelling equipment and specialist ligni services. However, they share a common theme of leadership in a small market. This year, Cobham hopes

to win lucrative contracts to refurbish Nimrod patrol planes, and to take on the

training of the armed services' helicopter pilots. With annual sales of £250 million. the group is sufficiently large not to be blown off course by loss of an individual contract. Cobham is seeking to buy businesses that emerge able

in the continuing consolidation of the aerospace industry. Top of the first division of UK defence contractors, Cobham could find itself the target of takeover interest. Such thoughts underpin

the shares at 549p, up 18p yesterday. Although highly rated at about 18 times earnings, the prospects suggest they are good value.

### Tie Rack

OBSERVERS of Tie Rack may be experiencing déjá vu. The retailer is expanding fast overseas and showing lew signs of letting up. The company has little choice but to venture abroad in search of earnings as scope for further expansion in the UK is limittail empire overseas is a strategy that will have few supporters among long-serving Tie Rack shareholders for whom memories of the costly expansion in America in the late 1980s are still fresh.

The crucial difference is that Tie Rack is a better managed business today and costs are under tight control. The American problems are largely resolved, reflected in the region reporting its first profit since 1986.

Moreover, a risk-adverse management is ruling out external funding; the current year's store opening programme of up to 50 new outlets is being financed out of internal resources.

A niggling worry remains: the group's like-for-like sales are flat and while margins may edge up, improvement in sales returns will be limited. In spite of the strength of the balance sheet, with net cash of £13.8 million, the shares look well priced.

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### True blues line up for Kalms

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John Patten were among the early visitors at the third Dixons Insight 96 exhibition at Canary Wharf yesterday. Prestigious invites for the priexhibition were issued by Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, and staunch Tory supporter. Redwood, who is rumoured to be making his way back into the Cabinet, was paying par-ticular attention to the latest in digital cameras. No Labour luminaries were in evidence, but Dixons assures me that crossparty invitations were sent out. "We're only half way through the first of three days. There is still plenty



Kalms: invitations

### Bishko's beef

AFTER Sainsburys and Asda cut the price of beef in the aftermath of the BSE scare, troubled executives at Tie Rack were set to discount their ubiquitous cow design by as much £4. "Mad," says "but sales in the tie have actually increased over the last couple of months." Apparently, it's popular with Dutch farmers and the chairman of McDonald's in Japan.

### Out of tune

BEHIND the record annual results at Boosey & Hawkes, the international music publisher and instrument maker, is a somewhat tuncless chief executive. Richard Holland, who made his way up through the company from group finance director in less than 18 months, hasn't been near his cello since he was 13.

### Tit for tat

THE pigtail-pulling behind the launch of Sunday Business, which makes its debut this week, brings memories of the playground flooding back. The latest wheeze comes from VNU Business Publications, which has sent a solicitor's letter to Tom Rubython, proprietor of Sunday Business and former "autocrat" of BusinessAge. Peter Kirwan. Rubython's successor at the business magazine, who says he's worked hard to lose the magazine's racey image since he took over as editor, is furious with Rubython for using BusinessAge editorial to fill the Sunday Business dummy.

### Eagle eyed

RON URQUHART, the American managing director of People's Bank in the UK, which starts selling its credit card in this country next week, spent six hours yesterday tussling with Sidney the Bald Eagle all in the name of publicity. "Being a City person, it was terrifying," gasps Ur-quhart. "I was balancing it on one arm and fixing my hair with the other, then its wings would open and just mess it all up again."

THE Londonside of the International Bar Association is hosting a Borderless Crimes and Criminal Organisations conference next month, in Dublin, while the Interna-Conference Group's money launder-ing seminar is being held tional

this month in Lisbon.

# Trend or turning point: are job figures at the crossroads?

Philip Bassett on

the trend and pattern of the

number of people

without work

inisters are approaching today's unemployment figures with caution. Last month's 6.800 increase was both unexpected and unlikely to be significantly altered - and ministers are concerned that it is not followed by a further rise.

While the link between unemployment, the absence of the economic "feel-good" factor and the Government's electoral fortunes is complicated, ministers are aware of how potent a political weapon not iust ioblessness but widespread job insecurity will be. The last thing the Government needs on unemployment is last month's surprise rise becoming a trend as the general election moves closer.

So, what is happening to unemployment now? Behind the headline figures, what is the trend and pattern of the number of people without work? ☐ Trend: Whitehall officials

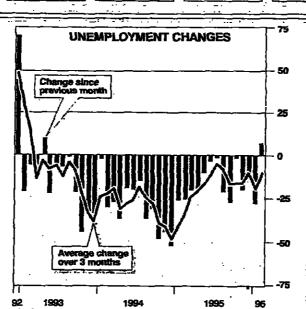
claim that in spite of last month's rise, the overall trend is still downward, falling by something like an average of 10,000 a month now, although the Central Statistical Office's seasonal adjustment programme is currently giving a trend figure of a fall of about 12,500 per month.

But they accept this rate has now been declining if not steadily, then at least for some time. Take not just individual monthby-month figures, but the average changes in claimant unemployment over three and six months. These give an idea of the trend and direction of unemployment. The graphic shows the recent and clearly sporadic monthly figures set against a moving three-month average, which statisticians agree shows a clear decline in the rate at which unemploy-

ment is falling. A year ago, when claimant nemnlovment fell by 25.400. the average three-month change was a monthly fall of 34,500. The six-month change averaged 37,700. Now, the three-month change is down to 10,400, and the six-month to 13,100.

Inevitably, month-by-month scrutiny of economic data such as the unemployment figures tends to focus on their change, with much read into the amount by which unemployment has risen or fallen. But the monthly changes are, of course, tiny against unemploy-

**UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN** UK LABOUR MARKET POPULATION 18+ **ECONOMICALLY** IN EMPLOYMENT **FULL TIME** WANTS JOB 1,747 1,311 437 **UNEMPLOYMENT CHANGES UNEMPLOYMENT RATES** 



ment as a whole. Last month's

rise, for instance, was a 0.3 per

cent change from January's

unemployment level. Even the

biggest monthly drop —

51,800, in December 1994 --

since unemployment started to

fall in December 1992 was

only a 2.1 per cent change on

□ Labour market: However

economically, politically and

personally damaging its effects, unemployment is only one ele-

ment in the market. Our graph-

ic sets out the structure of the

UK market, showing those in

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Just as unemployment is

the overall labour market

dynamic. Using figures drawn

from the Government's quar-

terly Labour Force Survey,

between aurumn 1992, roughly

when unemployment started

to fall, and autumn 1995, the

most recent full LFS data

available, three main things

First, employment has

grown — up by 504,000 over

the period, or about 2 per cent, split roughly evenly between

men and women. Secondly.

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the economically inactive -

those looking after a home.

the previous month's level.



unemployment has failen down by 462,000, or more than 16 per cent. Thirdly, the number counted as economically inactive is up - by 215,000, or 1.3 per cent, with a large-scale net increase among

Over the past year, for instance, the number of men deemed to be economically inactive has risen by 102,000 almost exactly the same as the rise in male jobs. Over the same period, the number of economically inactive women has fallen by 105,000. Some independent analysts and politicians opnosed to the Government argue that the increase in economic inactivity is at least in part a disguised form of growing

men of 310,000.

Rate: According to the latest figures, claimant unemployment is now at a rate of 7.9 per cent, measured as a proportion unemployment started to fall in December 1992, when the unemployment rate was 10.5 per cent, the proportion of people in Britain without work has declined 2.6 percentage points, or about a quarter. The downward progress of unemployment has been slow, but steady, as the graphic shows.

☐ Gender: The unemployment rate is markedly different for men and women in Britain, with men, in general, still harder hit. Within the overall rate, more than one in ten men in Britain are without work -- 10.7 per cent, or almost 1.7 million men. For women. the rate is a good deal less than half that - 4.3 per cent, or

525,400 women.

ince unemployment started to fall, male unemployment is down 600,600, or 26.3 per cent — 120,700 of it, or 6.7 per cent, in the last year alone. For women, unemployment is down 164,300, or 23.8 per cent - 32,400 of it, or 5.8 per cent. ovet the last year. I he total iall for men and women combined is 764,900, or 25.7 per cent --153,100 of it, or 6.5 per cent, in

the last year. ☐ Age: Just as unemployment varies by gender, so too does it vary by age, with young people being hit disproportionately hard. Take a broad definition of young people, up to the age of 25, which clearly includes many people starting families as well as teenagers leaving school and looking for work or training. Among this group, the unem-

tional company recently dis-

covered that it was losing £1.2 million a year to an alleged

fraud, after up a call to Public

to divert a planned £40 million

investment to Germany,

because it could not trace the

source of its losses. As a result

of the tip-off, the investment

will now go ahead in Britain.

John Jackson, of Shaw Gunn,

The company had intended

Concern at Work.

ployment rate as measured by the LFS, is now 16.2 per cent -13 per cent among young women, and as high as 18.7 per cent among young men of this age band - close to a fifth.

People under the age of 25

make up a huge 30 per cent of all unemployment under the standard LFS definition of joblessness. They comprise about half of that proportion of the total number of people in employment. Unemployed young women make up almost a third of the total of this age band, probably reflecting for many how protean is the line between unemployment and economic inactivity - threefifths of which is made up of women.

U Duration: By contrast, men make up by far the largest share of the long-term unemployed - 75 per cent, according to LFS figures on the number of people out of work for a year or more (though for many people with experience of it, long-term unemployment is certainly seen as starting as being without work for six months or more, rather than a year). Currently, there are just under one million people who have been without work for a year or more - 952,000, down

in 32 per cent of the cases, and

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The whistleblowing propos-

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damage their careers by re-

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protected if found to be acting in bad faith or if they have sold

Those who follow the rules

will be able to obtain injunc-

tions and seek compensation

for loss of earnings and dam-

age to reputation. Even so,

many might still find it easier

their story to a newspaper.

### BUSINESS LETTERS

### Measure pound against dollar

Although any change in long-

term unemployment was slow

to begin once overall unem-

ployment had started to fall, it is now coming down noticeably — down by 154,000, or

just under 14 per cent, over the

Long-term unemployment

among women is falling faster

= down 17.6 per cent over the

period. For men, women and

the two taken together, long-

term unemployment has been falling proportionately much

pectedly early drop in unem-

ployment overall - although

some City analysts are expect-

ing a shift in that in today's figures.

Region: People in different

parts of Britain are affected

differently by unemployment,

and by its fall. In terms of the

actual numbers out of work,

and excluding the special case

of Northern Ireland, unem-

ployment is highest in the South East, at 683,500, fol-

lowed by the North West at 242,500, and Yorkshire and

Humberside at 200,200. By

this measure, unemployment

is lowest in East Anglia, at

62,800, followed by the South

West at 156,100, and the East

tural factors such as popula-

tion size and the local

industrial composition.

Looked at as a proportion of

the workforce, a different pat-tern of unemployment then

emerges, with the North as the

region with the highest unem-

ployment rate, at 10.1 per cent — with women half that, and

men half as much again as the overall figure — followed by

Yorkshire and Humberside at

8.5 per cent and the North

East Anglia still ranks well,

at 6.1 per cent, followed by the

South West at 6.8, and the East

The fall in unemployment

has not been even. At 10.5 per

cent, the decline in claimant

unemployment over the past

year has been fastest in the

South East, followed by the

West Midiands and the South

West with fals of 8 per cent.

Unemployment has fallen

most slowly - though still by

almost 2 per cent - in Wales,

followed by Yorks and Hum-

berside with a 4.7 per cent

drop, and the North, with a 5.2

In overall terms, then, what

does all this show? At 2.2

million, according to official

figures, unemployment is still

high. It is clearly falling, and

has been on a downward

trend now for three years. But

the downward trend is slow-

ing, with few people now

Midlands at 7.3.

ment levels are obvi-

ously substantially

determined by struc-

past 12 months.

From Mr S. G. Green Sir, Dennis MacShane, MP. spoils his case (April 5) by misquoting statistics. The pound has not lost between 20 and 25 per cent of its value compared with the strong European currencies since the end of 1992. Taking the mark as the proxy for these currencies, the pound has lost 8 per cent since the end of 1992. True, it has lost nearly 18 per cent against the Swiss franc, but then both the Germans and the French, as a result of their blind pursuit of the elusive Maastricht criteria, have devalued their own currencies against the Swiss franc by 10 per cent in that period. Perhaps Mr MacShane

For much of the Eighties is unlikely that the pound

A better measure of the currency is its movement against the dollar, which is still the most widely used international currency. Against this, the pound has risen in the three years to which Mr MacShane refers. Yours faithfully

From P.J. Underwood Sir, You published a letter from me in December 1994 regarding the refusal of British Gas to levy a lower price increase in view of my years in advance and they

interest on my mone With my latest bill they have sent me a booklet entitled Your Gas Supply, and the section headed "Security Deposits" states that "Your deposit will earn interest while we hold it". It appears one has to be one of the 'Can't pay, won't pay' brigade to obtain any

Is this not typical of current thinking that only wrongdoers get rewards. and is it not about time it was put a stop to? Yours faithfully P. J. UNDERWOOD.

trend is reversed, and starts to move in the opposite direction. Although they will not say so yet. Whitehall officials are certainly giving thought now about whether it is such a turning point — and are certainly not rejecting out of hand the idea that it might be.

That is clearly uncomfortable for government ministers, looking hard for signs of the economic recovery bearing some form of electoral fruit although it may be better news for government-hungry new Labour, eager to attack the Government's economic record in ways that connect with people, as, perhaps foremost among economic issues,

unemployment does. And all that is likely to mean

prepared to even guess where it might be heading. That may indicate, as it often has in the past, a turning point — the point at which a From H. Marston

that unemployment will continue to be a key economic. business and political issue for

was thinking about the end of 1991, since when the pound has lost just over 20 per cent against the mark, but, again, he might have gone back to the end of 1989, since when the pound has lost 17 per cent against the

the pound, which was perceived in some quarters as a petro-currency, was grossly overvalued and entered the ERM at too high a rate. The months following black (golden) Wednesday permitted a correction. This correction, against the continental currencies, has probably gone somewhat too far but it will float up much further so long as the possibility of EMU and a Labour government remain.

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### Advance warning

having paid more than two were and are obtaining

relaxation of their stone-faced attitude to the people who pay their wages.

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### Wall St blues

Sir, Wall Street Woe: What has caused such misery? Not a crash but the creation of another 140,000 non-farm jobs in America. If we leave everything to market forces, where we have to depend on keeping these big shareholders happy, how can we ever have anything approaching high employment? I was still naive enough to think that we wanted countries which were better off by not having to pay out millions in social security. Yours faithfully, H MARSTON, 2 Ferndale House, Ware Road, St Neots, Cambs.

# Bill should protect employees who blow the whistle on fraud

The finer points of the so-called "Whistleblowers Bill\*, designed to protect employees who point the finger at colleagues suspected of committing fraud, will be debated by MPs today. Legislation could follow early next year, and the potential ramifications are enormous. Whitecollar crime is draining the resources of UK industry, but most employees are too frightened to do anything about it. Employers would sooner pretend it does not exist.

Don Touhig, the Labour MP who introduced the Public Interest Disclosure Bill, says people within organisations often realise that something is wrong at an early stage, but are afraid to speak out. The main fear is that they will lose their jobs, or be victimised. Mr Touhig said: "Employers are entitled to loyalty and confidentiality in normal circumstances. But where there is serious malpractice, it is vital that people know that the law will protect them if they act responsibly." Accountants experienced in

combating fraud have mixed feelings about the Bill. Simon Bevan, head of Arthur Andersen's fraud services unit. thinks it well-intentioned, but doubts whether legislation will bring about the desired effect. He thinks companies would be better off publishing a clear policy statement that would encourage employees to come forward without fear of reprisal. It should set out various methods of informing management of suspected fraud and seek to remove the stigma attached to "shopping"

one's colleagues. Mr Bevan said: The more actions a company takes to



Don Touhig, Labour MP who introduced the Bill

open forums for employees,

and runs a confidential 24-

hour telephone helpline for

employees seeking to raise

Concern at Work, a charity

based in London that runs a

helpline on 0171-404 6609 of-

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ed, the less chance fraudsters its 3,000 workers. It holds will have. As any journalist and policeman knows, the best tip-offs usually arrive anonymously. By encouraging the whistle to be blown on fraudsters, they may well uncover frauds that would otherwise have never been

discovered." Companies leading the way on such initiatives include Esso, the oil company, which MORAG PRESTON create a culture in which provides a booklet on standishonesty will not be tolerat- dards of business conduct for

the commercial investigator based in Manchester, worked on the case. He said: "The employee realised the goods must have been stolen, but was terrified of contacting his own managers. He knew they

> Mr Jackson said access to breakthrough in the fight against internal fraud. Many tip-offs are made by disgruntled employees and turn out to be valueless. Public Concern vets calls before contacting management. Mr Jackson said: "On receiving a call from a reputable source with very precise details, you do take

must have been involved."

Poor internal controls are

Typical "red flags" to look picked up by internal controls. Tip-offs by employees applied

to make an anonymous call. JON ASHWORTH | the foreseeable future.

notice of it."

often cited as the most common trigger for fraud, according to an international fraud report by KPMG. Collusion between employees and third parties is the second most common element. The third relates to the type of industry: insurance, financial services and the retail sector are particularly prone to fraud.

for, says KPMG, include a lifestyle beyond an employee's financial means, missing files and unexplained variances in financial information. Among European respondents, only 34 per cent of frauds were A philosophy that reflects concern for the future

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### Chrysler speeds to a record

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

CHRYSLER, America's third largest motor company, made record profits in the first quarter of this year after earnings more than doubled to over \$1 billion.

The result shows that demand among US consumers has remained strong despite dire predic-tions by economists earlier this year that the economy was slowing. Chrysler said its figures were particularly good in view of the long harsh winter in most parts of the US that many thought would depress car sales.

Revenues rose 10 per cent over the same period last year to \$15 billion, while profits soared from \$495 to just over \$1 billion. The result will strength-

en Chrysler's hand against Kirk Kerkorian, the corporate raider who owns nearly 15 per cent of the company and has been pressing for sweeping management changes and a cash payout to investors.

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# DirecTV plans to launch satellite service in Europe

DIRECTV, the satellite teleservice ultimately owned by General Motors. plans to launch a digital satellite operation in competition with BSkyB and other media companies in Europe.

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DirecTVis looking for European partners and has been trying to find a chief executive to run the European division. Several potential candidates in Britain, including cable company executives, have been interviewed.

Celsos Azevedo, the senior vice-president of DirecTV International, the newly formed overseas division of DirecTV, said: "Europe is very important to us. We have been in contact with some potential partners in several countries."

He would not identify the partnership candidates, but said an announcement about the formation of the European service probably would be made within a few months. DirecTV, based in Los Andigital TV company in the world. BSkyB, 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, uses analogue technology but plans to launch a digital service in a

DirecTV was launched by Hughes Electronics, the satellite communications and aerospace subsidiary of General Motors, and has about 1.4 million US subscribers. It expects to have three million by the end of the year, with forecasts of ten million by 2000.

AT&T, America's largest long-distance phone company, bought a 2.5 per cent stake in January for \$137.5 million, valuing the company at \$5.5 billion. AT&T has an option to increase its stake to 30 per cent over 5 years, depending on its ability to recruit DirecTV

Subscribers are attracted to the service mainly because of choice. DirecTV offers about 175 digitial video and audio channels andl, like BSkyB, offers movies, sport, children's shows and pay-per-view.

DirecTV has said it wants to become the 'Coca-Cola of digital TV" around the world. With three local partners, it recently launched a South American service called Galaxy Latin America that will compete against a consortium that includes The News Corporation and Tele-Communications Inc. the world's largest cable com-pany. It also has formed a partnership in Japan which is scheduled to begin broadcasting in mid-1997.

Mr Azevedo said that DirecTV's ideal European partners would provide programming and marketing expertise. The company, he said, will try to lease space on the Astra or Eutelsat satellites. Failing that, it might lease a satellite Hughes, its owner.



Alan Jerome plans to build a multi-based business so that the textile firm can ride out future storms

# Jerome dresses tartan army

By Fraser Nelson

CREASE-FREE trousers and Braveheart tartan waistcoats are among the designs that have sustained the return to profitability at S Jerome & Sons, the textile group that yesterday reported a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £951,000 in 1995. The West Yorkshire company

has capitalised on overseas demand for tartan, increasing exports by 30 per cent to account for 27 per cent of its turnover. Jerome's growth is stabilising from last year's profits recovery of 75 per cent. It has doubled the capacity of its weaving machines in Shipley and bought West Yorkshire Weavers, which contributed

Earnings were up 1.2p to 7.7p. The dividend rises to 2.25p (1.5p), with a final 1.5p.

### Sidlaw to close factory

Sidlaw Group, the oil services and packaging company, is to close a factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, with the loss of about 90 jobs. The factory. which supplies packaging for the food sector, incurred losses of more than £1 million in the six months to March 31. Closure costs were estimated at £2.2 million.

### EBRD pact

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development yesterday ended its twoday annual meeting in Sofia which was highlighted by agreement to double its capital. Jacques de Larosière, president, said the increase

### Car sales up

Car sales in western Europe rose by 3.1 per cent in March. compared with March 1995. according to provisional figures from the European association of manufacturers. Car sales totalled 1.275 million last month, compared with 1.238 a year earliet.

### Whisky cheer

Exports of Scotch whisky rose 4 per cent to £2.276 billion in 1995 from £2.191 billion in the previous year. European Union exports, which account for almost 40 per cent of total exports, rose 2 per cent to £872

### **BAe deal** opens up Asia Pacific

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

BRITISH Aerospace yesterday became one of Australia's largest defence companies with the acquisition of AWA Defence Industries for A\$54 million (£28 million).

The purchase, which brings BAe a range of defence products including military vehi-cles, infra-red radar and the Nulka hovering rocket, forms a key plank in the company's strategy to expand in the Asia Pacific region.

AWA Defence Industries is

expected to achieve sales of A\$150 million in 1996 and has about A\$300 million of orders.

After the acquisition, BAe Australia will have annual turnover of A\$260 million and employ 2,000. The deal is expected to pave the way for company to develop a big

export business into Asia. Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive, said yesterday: "The acquisition is a major strategic progression for British Aerospace Australia in line with its objective to increase significantly its commitment to growth in Australia."

Robin Southwell, chief executive of BAe Australia, said: "It allows us to show our customers and the Australian government that we are investing in and committed to the growth of our business in

# £100,000 in the first six months. Alan

was aiming for security, not market dominance. "In the textile business, sales are cyclical - you can't rely on the popularity of any one product. Our strategy is to build a multi-based business so in future, we can ride the storms."

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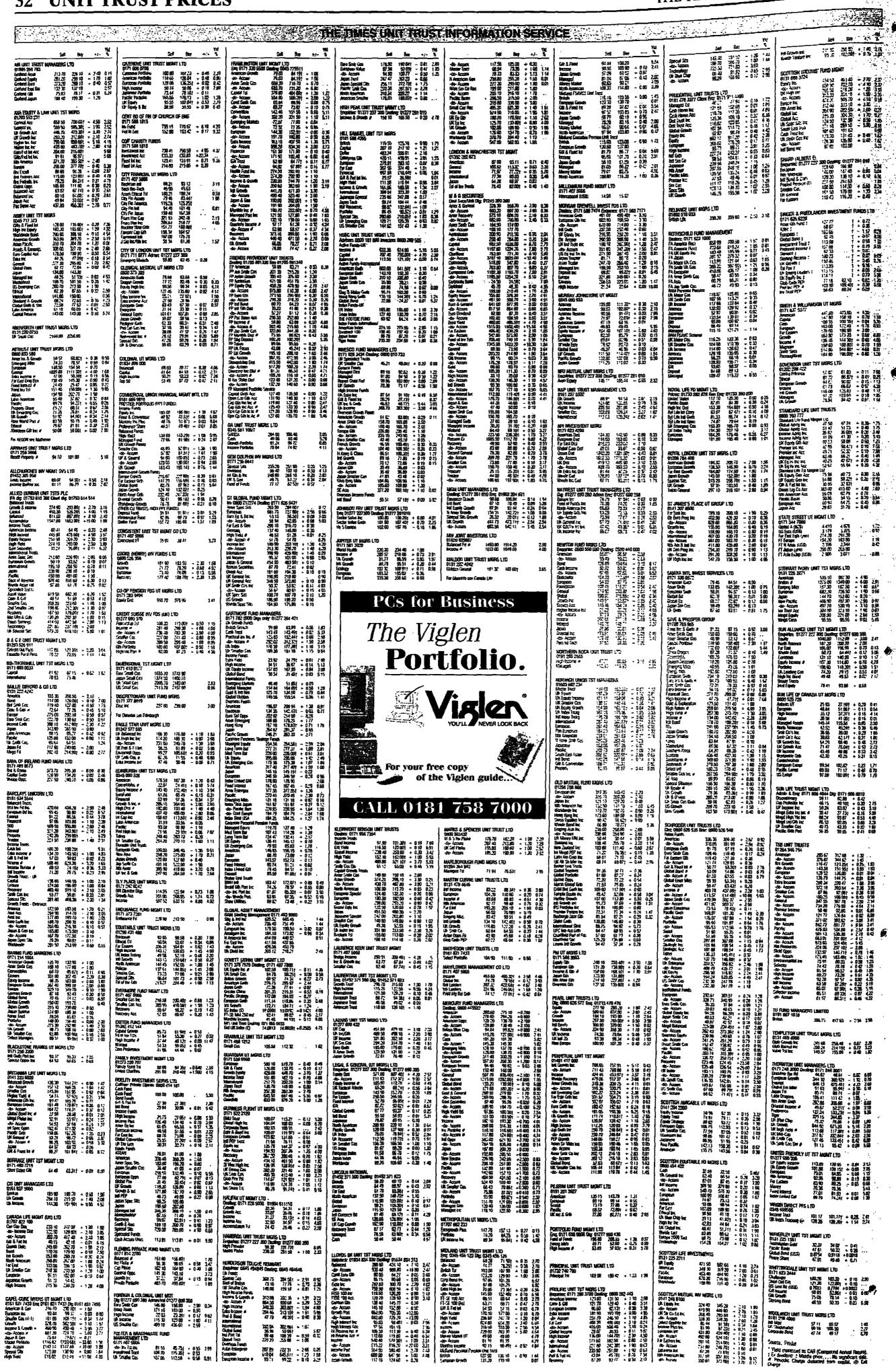
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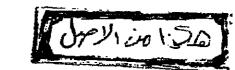
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Violinist turned humanitarian: Lord Menuhin reflects on his new tasks as he approaches 80



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Yehudi Menuhin will be 80 next Monday. Here he talks about his work; and we report on a new documentary portrait

# Plenty of time to change the world

Joanna Pitman finds Menuhin's humanitarian passions undimmed

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t is fascinating and impressive, but most of all heartening, to see Lord Menuhin turning 80 in a spirit of expectation that several decades of activity are yet to come. It is the result of an irrepressible mind that is still darting around, fizzing with ideas, schemes and causes which he earnestly believes will make the world a better place. The fact that his mother, just turned 100, is alive and kicking in San Francisco, and still proudly monitoring her son's prodigious achievements, may explain the impression that Menuhin is becoming ever

more youthful. Music remains **6** The only his core passion. but he has long ago taken his music be yond its traditional to crime is parameters in his quest to create a more positive, inspired and courteous world. "I have other

projects on the go, schemes to arrange, fundamental changes to be made to producing civilisation. If there are terrorists, it is because we have produced them. If there are drug-crazed children, it is because we have not given them inspiration. So many things can be improved with simple but carefully judged effort. I have a lot to do but I think I am achieving some-

thing already."

Even at 80, his face and body are as light, supple and mobile as his mind. As he speaks, the gentle bird-like profile turns and dips, his quick avian eyes darting about in search of new challenges. new solutions.

His achievements so far are impressive indeed. Live Music Now!, one of his earliest projects, was founded 22 years

ago to give talented young musicians performing experience before people who would not normally have access to live music: children with special needs, adults with learning difficulties, elderly people,

prison inmates. "LMN organises almost 2.000 concerts a year." he says. "It is gratifying to see that joy can be awakened even for the most withdrawn or depressed among us. The inspiration for the project came from my travels in Germany immediately after the war when I played for audiences in newly liberated camps. In many

cases, the music was their first contact with civilisation. I was seeing these people's strengths and weaknesses and for the first time I saw what music could do for them. It was experience an which changed and inspired me."

another project designed to inspire the underprivileged. focuses on introducing teaching based on music and daneing to primary schools across Europe in order to channel the energies of children with violent or unhappy home envi-ronments. "My thesis is that the only antidote to crime is to introduce an atmosphere of hope, health, trust and joy with music. This can be done very simply by performing dancing and singing every day in violent schools. In a short time it is amazing how the

hate is transformed." Not satisfied with LMN and MUS-E (and of course the International Menuhin Academy, the Yehudi Menuhin School, and the International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation), the indefatigable Menu-



"Even at 80, Menuhin's face and body are as light, supple and mobile as his mind"

hin last year dreamt up the Mozart Fund. This seeks to change international copyright law so that royalties are paid on works now in the public domain. The revenue ed for charti projects for the prevention of human, environmental and cultural disasters. "My vision is that the Mozart Fund would include support for the struggle to prevent torture, action to save the Alpine environment. the work of the Red Cross, the fight against leprosy, all sorts of needs."

Talking to Meauhin and encountering his sometimes extraordinary schemes for the betterment of our world, one becomes steadily more aware that the astonishingly autodidactic approach of the man is the result of the erratic selfeducation of the boy. By 1927, when Menuhin had turned ten, he had spent less than a day at school.

Orthodox schooling was im-

possible as he was spending most of his life on the road performing in the world's concert halls. His father had given up his job to accompany him and the young Menuhin vas earning a living place to support the family.

"I have had no academic training at all. Only my own reading, philosophy, thought, and a certain breadth of experience. In a way, my lack of formal education means that I can distance myself from details and take a broader view of problems that face us."

The result is a stagger

ing array of ideas. A "Parliament of Cultures" is one of his latest projects. "This will be a pipeline into Brussels - neither bureaucratic nor political which will give a voice to each national and regional culture, including nomadic peoples. It will give them a forum in which they can

express their grievances on any issue."

Menuhin has a solution to the Irish problem, involving the meeting of widows from both sides. He has a scheme ior a transnational system to provide credits in welfare, health, education and culture for everybody. He supports alternative medicine (the one issue that tempted this life peer to attend a House of Lords debate), he practises yoga (he once stood on his head for the Queen, and did it again after a Berlin Philharmonic centenary concert), he has ideas for combating BSE. he still travels for eight months each year and he lends

his name to 400 charities. Oh, and he has recently been working on a blueprint for changing party political democracies into less combative, more constructive, forces for good. What a place the world would be if we all had centenarian mothers.

# Unique glimpse of a prodigy

A new Menuhin film uses rare

archive material, as Michael Binyon reports

ord Menuhin is a familiar public figure: sage, humanist, philanthropist, conductor, and music's foremost ambassador. But it is for his achievements as a violinist - one of the greatest this century has seen - that Menuhin is still lêted. A)though he has left a rich legacy of recordings, he no longer performs. The inspired playing that saw him hailed as a child prodigy 70 years ago is

now a fading memory.
But Bruno Monsaingeon, a friend, fellow musician and film-maker, was determined to reinforce memory with evidence. Luckily there is plenty around. Primitive cinecameras were already recording the sensation of the chubby Jewish boy from San Francisco when he took the concert halls of America by storm. Footage of his performance with the great conductors and orchestras of the Twenties and Thirties, of interviews with the soft-spoken boy, of public adulation and newspaper hype, have lain for years in archives.

Years of research have now paid off. Yehudi Menuhin, The Violin of the Century, a two-hour film that won acclaim when shown on French television, received its British premiere at the Institut Français last year, and extracts were shown last month to the Queen and guests invited to celebrate Menuhin at Buckingham Palace.

Its triumph lies not only in the fascination of seeing the jerky images of this century's great men — Elgar, Toscanini, Enescu, Busch, Furtwängler -- bewitched by the youth who so effortlessly interpreted their vision. It lies also in the poignant juxtaposition of Menuhin, today's elder statesman, and the young Yehudi. Menuhin himself guides us

through an extraordinary, no-

madic life that, as he admits,

has never known hardship.

suffered professional setback

or been touched by the cata-

fellow Jews. Monsaingeon's technique avoids the dangers of both obituary or hagiography: Menuhin is still very much there, commenting detachedly on his own perforcollapsed. mances: "I like my left hand The life, however, is almost there - it's really jolly good!" As a raconteur, he reflects

The boy virtuoso on his way to Europe in 1926. This pic-

ture is from Menuhin's autobiography Unfinished

Journey, now published by Methuen in revised form

all the shading of his playing: sometimes light, almost impish as he boasts of how much he was paid or imitates the Dorian Gray obsession of Karajan. At other times he is sombre, especially when he talks about his sister Hephzibah; his failure, as he sees it, to offer support when she was suffering; and the raging emotions that lay beneath what her brother called the reliable machine that nev-

clysm that befell so many

er went wrong. Sometimes he verges on the mawkish; elsewhere he is reflective in examining suffering: of the enslaved in displaced people's camps, of soldiers, lonely and wounded in hospital, of the victims of totalitarian states, of his own when his first marriage

incidental. What the film brings out is the playing that shaped each chapter in this memoir: the infinitely varied vibrato, the elegant ease, the originality of phrasing and the sometimes savage accents. It is the music that soars out of these archives - great long stretches of it, some dating back to 1943, enough to make us understand why Menuhin, his talent almost suffocated by subsequent fame, so captured the hearts and souls of earlier generations.

• Yehudi Menuhin: The Violin of the Century, from La Sept/Arte television and EMI Classics, is distributed by Ideale Audience

# Where there's Will

Hard by the Thames, schoolchildren are discovering Shakespeare their own way. Hilary Finch reports

The Globe Theatre, originally built in 1599 and destroyed by fire in 1613. is fast approaching its official reopening. The thatch is complete, the seating in place, and Shakespeare's great "Wooden O" is expanding to its full circumference. On Saturday, three days before Shake-speare's official birthday, the London borough of South-wark will celebrate with a "sonnet walk", a masque outside the Globe at 2pm, and a cathedral service at 6pm.

In the school hall of Robert

Meanwhile, 19 Southwark schools have been recreating that environment in six weeks of Elizabethan Fairs, held in collaboration with members of the Globe Education Centre.



Browning Primary Walworth, a trumpeter heralds the mummers' play. A 10year-old St George faces an Ilyear-old black-cloaked Murderer. A quack doctor revives the saint and everyone cavorts in a round dance to a tape of Greensleeves. Now the dance becomes

more sophisticated. A very tall, very thin bearded jester leads a troupe of children in an Estampie, a Bransle and a Sellinger's Round. The jester-is Adrian Lucas, assistant school-keeper, who also happens to be a member of the Paladins of Chivalry, a reenactment society which specialises in medieval tournaments. He's taught the children all the right steps, and they foot it featly.

Meanwhile, a group of real

thespians lurks outside the door. This is the Globe company in the making. They burst in "Our theatre burnt down and we had to go touring," one shouts. "Not much fun. But soon we'll be able to return to the Globe,



Children at Robert Browning Primary School in Walworth get to know the Bard

and we need your help to get a play ready! We need dancers for our sheep-shearing fair. But look out for pickpockets!" Cue for Act IV, Scene 4 of The Winter's Tale. That snap-

per-up of unconsidered trifles has soon pinched a school scarf. A shepherd strikes up the school-keeper's dances. Ballads are sold. The troupe dances out with the children.

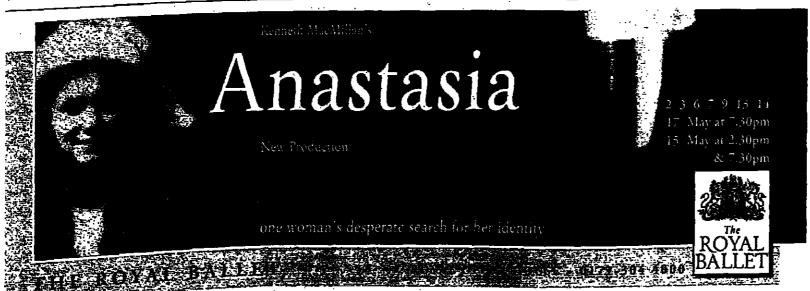
Alastair Tallon, education development manager at the Globe, watches as six years of Globe Education's projects bring Southwark to new life. "We want the Globe to be a catalyst for activities and work in the borough," he says. "Going to the theatre in Shakespeare's day was about popular culture and entertainment. We want to change

what happens in schools. "A project like this encourages teachers to teach Shakespeare way beyond the appallingly unimaginative Key Stage tests - to draw and build on real responses from

the children."

Tesco shoppers in the Old Kent Road, Elephant & Castle Metro and Surrey Quays will be able to read all about it in a special newspaper written by the children and distributed free at the checkouts on Shakespeare's birthday.





**CHOICE 1** 

A revival for Handel's delightful English pastoral, Acis and Galatea

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■ CHOICE 2

. and first night for Katie Mitchell's staging of Endgame

VENUE: Tonight at the Donmar Warehouse





THEATRE 1

Elvis — the Musical offers an exuberant romp through a life in music and pictures



■ THEATRE 2

... while a new play at the Finborough presents a more acerbic side of American life

LONDON

SPRING LOADED: This innovative dence season combnues with a new and inventive programme from the Mark Baldwin Dance Company, including the London premieres of Lash, a wild omedy with its roots in boxing, and comercy with its roots in courting, and Maratis, a withy, double-take on murder The repertoire also features Vespin, inspired by Mortayed it's Vespins and the rhythrac intials of Horrage. Place, Dukes Road, WC1 (0171-387) 0031) Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm.

PASTORAL HANDEL: Trevor Pinnock Assistance in the property of the control of the co SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.45pm.

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CHAPTER TWO Tom Conti and Sharin Gess play unattached New Yorkers whiring lowards each other in Nei Simon's cornedy. Not his best. Gletgud, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Fn, 8pm; Sat, 8 15pm; mars Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm ELTHE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

WILLIAM SHARESPEARE.
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and Sun. 3 30pm Until May 26 🚯 M AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen MAINMENT OF CONTROLLED SEPART DAIGH'S powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society Gerrick, Channg Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Fn. 7 45pm; Sal, 8 15pm, matc Wed. 2 30pm, Sal, 5pm

I MARY STUART: Superb playing by Anna Massey as Schiller's Virgin Queen; French actress Isabelle Huppert less at ease with the language as her rival National (Lytelton), South Bank, SE (0171-928-2252) Tongrir-Sat, 7 30pm; mar Set 2 15pm In rep (5)

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CINEMA GUIDE Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆ ) on release across the country

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STRATFORD UPON-AVON: The Swan opens the 1996 season with The White Devil, Webster's Jacobean tragedy of (what else?) passion, rovenge and blood. Jane Gumett plays the Edwards directs Swan, Waterside (01789 295623).

Previews begin loright, 7.30pm; mals Set, Thurs. 1.30pm. Opens Apr 26, 7pm. In rep from May 8 with Peter Whelan's The Herbal Bed. (5) LONDON GALLERIES

EDMRURGH Peter knapp's acclaimed Travelling Opera gives Mozer's Cost fan tutte forngit, updated to an Oxford college in the early 1900s, followed tomonow by the revisal of Bizet's Carmen, Sung in English Feasthval, Nicolson Street, EHB (0131-529 8000) Both at 7.15pm (6) Barbican: Contemporary Prnt Show: Part 1 (0171-638 4141) ... Courtauld: Drawings by Thomas Gairsborough (071-873 2536) . Heyward Spellbound: Art and Film (071-928 3144) . Llewellyn Alexander Gellery: A Million Brustrokes IV: mmatures (0171-620 1322) LIVERPOOL Alexander Lazarev conducts the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra in Britlen's Gellery: A Million Brushstrobes IV: minatures (07:1-620 1322)
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A daily guide to arts

and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

mur Warehouse, Earlham St.

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SI TAP DOGS: Dein Pemy's sextet of dancers in working-boots returns to its bullding-site set. High energy stuff, though some dance alriconado's have been unimpressed Lyric, Shaffesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Thurs, ± Fir and Set, 6pm and 8 45pm.

☐ THAT GOOD NIGHT New N.J.

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as a veteran film director bying,

where immissiv, to make peace with as a vereran more meetin bying, perhaps unwisely, to make peace with his estranged son. Edward Hall directs a company that includes Lucy Plemang

Richmond, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088) Tonight-Sat 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm

TRAINSPOTTING. The current cuts show fiving Weish's drug-blasted, louisingued Edmburgh no-hopers. Blackly furny now and then Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735) Tue-Fn, 8pm, Set, 8:30pm, mals Wed and Sal 5pm, Sun 4pm.

☐ VICTORIANA: David Harr's new tool- at two political glants: did Disrael shop Gladstone to the Queen? Hart emphasises a sexual content in the GCM's odd Icndness for reforming

LONG RUNNERS

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Welcome revival of Hitchcock's playful,
entertaming thriller (1959), with James
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SENSE AND SENSIBILITY (U): Emma Thompson's radiant adapt of Jane Austen's early novel, with Thompson and Kate Winslet as se flereni approaches to romano Director, Ang Lee. Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) Notting Hill Coronet (5) (0171-727 5705) Odeon Kensington (01426 91466) Renoir (0171-637 8402) Ritzy

◆ SGT. BILKO (PG). Crass spin-off from Pfril Silvers's television comed Consolc, with Steve Martin as the commung army sergeant With Dan Akyroyd. Director, Jonathan Lyrin Myddis: Futham Road (0171-370 2836) Trocadero (3) (0171-344 0031) Plaza (3) (0171-437 1234) UCI Whiteleys (3) (0171-792 3335

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# A tribute fit for the King

f we must have compendium shows, meaning number after number from Crooner A or Hot Gospeller B, then Elvis is about as slick and professional as the genre gets. It is a show fit for a king, or at least a king with a taste for bright lights, wiggling bobbysoxers, bustling film images, and lots of zizzy rock. Indeed, it would probably have pleased the King himself, for no less than three singers have been deput-

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Elvis — the Musical Prince of Wales

ed to play him, scores of

glamorous photos of his face flick across the backcloth, and nothing is said of the sad figure he cut in his last days. If you want to learn about Presley the man, buy a biography. Jack Good and Ray Cooney's show hardly pauses for breath and, when it does, interesting information is the least of its aims. Elvis was The three ages of Elvis: from the left, Alexander Bar (young), P.J. Proby (mature) and Tim Whitnall (middle) born in Mississippi, got megasuccessful, bought a pile called footage of Jubilee celebrations outside Buckingham Palace Graceland, went in and out of the army, made a question-ably wise move to Hollywood, accompanies Elvis's birth angot married and divorced. nouncement in 1935, or that died, was buried and (note his photos of worried-looking name is an anagram) "lives". We hear nothing of his father, and all we are told about his mother is that she died of a heart attack when she was 46. But then Good, who was surely primus inter pares on the creative side, was the producer of 6.5 Special and is

pooches flash along in coun-terpoint to Hound Dog, or that the Taj Mahal, the Parthenon and the Pyramids briskly proclaim the permanence of rock n'roll. And quite why a Southern preacher intermittently materialises to remind us of the parable of the

twig. best here to snove them track. Eivis, a radiated significant Still not all the visual fuss is in the closes; but he cannot rather sinister figure who

prodigal son, I never began to

pointless. There is a wonderful photo of Elvis aged maybe two in a rakish hat. There is an oddly knowing look in his eyes, a wry precocity in the twist of his mouth. The kid knows that something amazing and awful - fame and fortune, maybe - is going to pop out of nowhere one day. Compare that with the pictures of his funeral. Good says in the programme that Elvis's excesses "should have been

kept private", and does his

men seem to be carrying that tiny boy's elephantine coffin to its grave. But it is his songs that matter. They come from Alex-

disguise the fact that about 14

ander Bar. a "young" Elvis especially good at romantically throbbing and palpitating; Tim Whitnall, an energetic "middle" Elvis who knows how to inject sextness even into the little hiccups that often end the King's musical phrases; and P.J. Proby's "mature"

Transylvania in order to sink his tongue into the more lachrymose bits. Heartbreak Hotel, Blue

appears to have jetted in from

Suede Shoes, Love Me Tender. Jailhouse Rock almost as many numbers come hurtling pell-mell across the tootlights as the King was devouring hamburgers at the end of his reign. Any nostalgia gourmand who leaves the theatre unsated is probably unsatable.

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

### Lessons to be learnt?

more a music-and-picture

than a words chap. At worst this means that meaningless

> **Downtown Paradise** Finborough

THIS two-character play is the first production by Drama Audit, a company founded this year to bring the work of Welsh writers before London audiences. Wales is mentioned only once in it, and then as part of a joke when the Californian Jewish attorney tells her imprisoned black client that even in Wales people have heard of his struggle for freedom. Realising that he has no idea where Wales is, she explains that it is part of England.

In a programme note Martin Jenkins tells us that his play draws upon the true story of Fay Stender, a Jewish attorney who became the lover of a black activist named George Jackson. She refused to provide him with a gun when he planned a breakout from San Ouentin, and for this "betraval" was

shot by one of his associates. Her story provides several warning lessons, and the one you prefer probably depends on where you stand on matters racial. political, moral and even sensible. Jenkins's choice is to mourn the pity of it a woman unable to see that she is being manipulated, and that the spirit of the early Seventies is moving beyond legal redress towards armed struggle.

There may be good reasons for not giving his characters the names of the originals, one being that Jenkins can invent his own confrontational dialogue. Passages in what he writes for Amanda Hurwitz and Richard D. Sharp ring fairly true, though he overdoes the tart Jewish humour and goes boldly into black revolutionary statements without preparing us. Hurwitz is bright and passionate.

Sharp too fond of a dying fall at the end of his sentences; Sarah Esdaile's direction is competent, but what do we learn? That lawyers should not lust after clients? That Jews should stay clear of blacks? I'll certainly remember that advice. Characters that are part invented, part real try to have it both ways but end up taking us nowhere.

JEREMY KINGSTON

# Passion on the fringe

**Emilia Galotti** Courtyard, N1

AFTER Aristotle, Gotthold Lessing (1729-1781) must be the most influential critic in the history of world drama. single-handedly founding the national theatre of his homeland and booting French models off the stage, Jeremy Kingston writes. French models, that is, of how a play should be written. Of course it took more than his

volumes of critical works to do the job. and he became a dramatist to demonstrate his argument that extremities of passion were not the preserve of Ancient Rome. Love can be enjoyed by the middle classes just as readily and just as tragically, as we discover in this, his third play.

Sooner death than grief and dishonour is what Emilia, a colonel's daughter, decides, when faced with a

future as a prince's mistress on what was intended to be her wedding day. Exit on her father's dagger.

With Christopher Hynes's adroit production, the Trilogy Theatre Co makes a most promising debut on the fringe theatre scene. The setting is modern, and while princes are not the slaves of love to quite this degree in the contemporary world, the moments of dawning sexuality can just about be felt real for a girl in slingbacks and a sleeveless short dress. Lucina Raikes, raking the world with huge eyes. catches the apprehensions of someone who is torn between instruction and desire.

The Prince could be played as a middle-aged sensualist but, by casting Tim Faulkner, who looks to be a twentysomething, the character becomes a vacillating greenhorn, often comical, though clearly the object of Lessing's scorn.

Equally so is Marinelli, the Prince's scheming Chamberlain-cum-royalpimp, played with a tart, contemptuous relish by Martin McKellan. To what extent Lessing holds the "rigidly virtuous" colonel to blame for his daughter's decision to kill herself remains uncertain.

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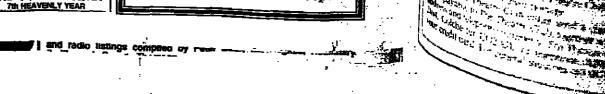
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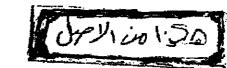
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# A woman scorned is a marvel

OPERA: In Leeds, Rodney Milnes sees

Josephine Barstow produce a

performance of rare power as Medea

t is turning out to be a good month for classical tragedy filtered through 18th-century operatic sensibilities: first Gluck's Alceste from Scottish Opera, and now Cherubini's Médée at the Grand, in Leeds. Both are -dread word - "important" operas, and both are great operas, but their greatness is hard to convey to modern audiences. Scottish Opera didn't quite make it: Opera North's Medea is in most respects an absolute knockout.

Medea was premiered in Paris in 1797, when, in the cultural fallout from the French Revolution, it was perfectly acceptable for a serious opera to include spoken dialogue. This was less acceptable in the 19th century, and Medea survived in a hideously corrupt version with bad German recitative written 60 years later: translated into Italian, it became a vehicle for such scenerychewers as Callas. Only in recent decades has the original French score been revived (but never recorded), often with non-French Medeas struggling with the words as best they could; Covent Garden's stab at the opera seven years ago was not generally accounted a SUCCESS.

So what on earth do you do with so endlessly tricky a piece? Easy: you perform it in a superb new English translation by Kenneth McLeish and cast Josephine Barstow as Medea. Then you add the conductor Paul Daniel, the producer Phyllida Lloyd and the tenor Thomas Randle, who struck such is the stuffy King, and Anne sparks off each other in Opera Wilkens sings Medea's Nurse, norm's Gionana, and sit back as the brew bubbles to overflowing.

The goalposts have of course. been moved since 1797. Then, Medea's homicidal tendencies she's a woman, for heaven's sake would have been profoundly abnormal and shocking; today, when Alan Bennett has isolated "the problem of the first wife" when writing about a rather different marriage (Orton and Halliwell), it seems less abnormal. Medea has "made" Jason: she's stolen the Golden Fleece for him, done the odd murder to help him on his way, and now he's trading her in for a younger, socially more advanta-

geous model, and removing her children. Many in the audience will be rooting for Medea from the

word go. I am being only half facetious, but Lloyd of course paints a broader picture. Set (lan MacNeil) and costumes (Kandis Cook) present a smug, starchy 18th-century court society whose disintegration on a whirling revolve in the finale is terrifying, and deserved. Lloyd's actual direction is a masterpiece of art concealing art: you hardly notice it at all, but just believe completely in everything that is happening onstage. Only one or two over-smart lightchanges disturb the seamless dra-

Barstow is a mistress of disbeliefsuspension. She can chew the scenery with the best of them, but here as so often it is the moments of stillness that strike terror, the moments when she conveys the murderous thought processes behind the eyes. Her cast-iron technique sees her safely through the notes, and she speaks the text with a vibrant conviction that should be the envy of many a straight actress.

andle heroically plays Jason as the rat he is, and gets by in hugely demanding vocal writing. Nicola Sharkey (Dirce, the younger model) has to negotiate Constanze-style coloratura, and manages it neatly while still doing justice to McLeish's words. Norman Bailey making much of her lovely with bassoon obbligato.

Beethoven greatly admired Cherubini, and, as conducted by Daniel, this Medea could well have been a long-lost Beethoven opera. Tense, febrile, full of suspense, the music bounded out of the pit and gripped the audience with its truly revolutionary inventiveness. And Daniel paced it perfectly, welding potentially dodgy transitions between music, spoken word and mélodrame into a perfectly coher-ent dramatic whole. Orchestra and chorus supported him with a will. Cherubini has truly been reborn in



Josephine Barstow as Medea: "Her cast-iron technique sees her safely through the notes, and she speaks the text with a vibrant conviction that should be the envy of many a straight actress"

# Two lessons and a conundrum

DANCE: **Debra Craine** sees the Royal

Ballet continue its celebration of

Ashton's choreographic legacy

lot of ground is covered in the Royal Ballet's new triple bill celebrating the genius of its founder-choreographer, Frederick Ashton. Symphonic Variations abstraction, The Dream his exquisite handling of narrative and character. But what are we to make of Illuminations, which opens the

Ashton choreographed Britten's song cycle Les Illuminations, a setting of Rimbaud's strangely fantastic verse (here sung by John Bowen), for New York City Balle in 1950, a fact that probably accounts for the work's uncharacteristic signature. The familiar Ashton style - fleet footwork, angled shoulders, compact jumps, miniature decoration - here gives way to broadly written phrases of large, open movement and crude expressivity. The Poet's rebellion is physically manifested in frantic floppiness, his coupling with Profane Love is realised in the basest of body language - complete with gross and unnecessary gestures. Seen here at Covent Garden for

the first time in more than a decade, Illuminations emerges as a curio. Cecil Beaton's original Pierrot-inspired designs are wonderfully exuberant, even though the intervening decades have given some of his costumes more than a hint of transvestite karaoke (you couldn't get away with men in bare chests and ruffs in all seriousness today). And although the choreography does not transcend the conditions of its creation, the ballet does give us access to Ashton's wackier outer limits.

One could have wished for a better choice of Poet than Jonathan Cope for this revival. As fine a dancer as he is, this is not a role for him. Cope needs to assert himself through constantly moving shapes: on Monday night he was clearly not in sympathy with the work's osed histrionics. Darcey Bussell (as Sacred Love) and Benazir Hussein (as Prolane Love) were well matched in the long legs department, enticing the Poet with their voluptuous, wide-ranging ar-abesques (albeit with different goals in mind).

Symphonic Variations (to the Franck score) was created in 1946 for Covent Garden, a pure dance work that stands among Ashton's finest achievements. A virtual reaffirmation of the rightness of harmony, Symphonic Variations is filled with unshakeable confidence in the order of the universe. On Monday it was hard to appreciate

its symmetry, so undisciplined was the performance. Were the six dancers just under-rehearsed (the women were better than the men). or are they really so out of synch with classical ideals? And does Viviana Durante have to look so grim when she is dancing so well from the neck down?

The Dream is always a favourite with Covent Garden audiences. and so it proved again on opening night. Ashton's skill at distilling narrative into danced essentials is brilliant; so, too, is his ability to



in Ashton's Illuminations

write individual detailing into each of his characters. Mendelssohn's score was filled with lively colouring under Leslie Dunner's baton and David Walker's designs still

look ravishingly pretty.

Leanne Benjamin was flighty
and volatile as Titania, while her dancing was incredibly voluble. Tetsuya Kumakawa loves to show us how he can spin, but he has yet to learn that Oberon is about more than arrogant exhibitionism. The quartet of lovers (Genesia Rosato, Tracy Brown, Christopher Saunders and Adam Cooper) were outstanding, as was the corps de ballet of fairies.

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in the rammed-full, 2,000capacity venue, they proceeded to play a set of high-energy rock n'roll with a unique, goof-ball spin that was impossible to dislike.

The high point of a brisk, varied and supremely entertaining show was the sudden segue from the quirky Naked and Famous into a whiplash version of their first British hit, Lump. As wave after wave of crowd surfers broke against the wall of security men at the foot of the stage, the band's manifesto came across loud and clear. The Presidents rock.

AN AVOWED admirer, John McLaughlin has compared his one-time collaborator Paco de Lucia to a blues guitarist, capable of wringing infinite emotion from a basic repertoire of three or four chords. I don't suppose that the young B.B. King ever spent much time in Andalusia, and de Lucia has probably never jammed in a Beale Street blues club, but the similarities between the two traditions are

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indeed startling. Listening to the modal tex-tures in Lucia's absorbing brand of jazzed-up "nuevo flamenco" it was also impossible to ignore a further parallel - with Indian ragas. Some flamenco purists are said to be unhappy with the course de Lucia has taken, accusing him DAVID SINCLAIR of selling out to foreign audiences. His decision to add the

Paco de Lucia Festival Hall

electric bass to his backing

United

group seems to have provoked almost as much consternation as the young Bob Dylan's defection to the electric guitar. All of which might lead you to expect to expect something akin to the pop hooks and disco beat of crowd pleasers such as the Gypsy Kings. Well. Lucia does make use of a nimble light show in the darkened auditorium, but the

overall approach was relatively austere, especially in a first half largely given over to solo pieces and extended duets.

Later, de Lucia deployed his full complement of guitars, bass and percussion supplemented by the muezin-like vocals of his brother Pepe and the keening saxophone of Jorge Pardo. The compositions took on a less frenetic character, the jagged, staccato attack balanced by gently rippling arpeggios.

This was not the tourist version of flamenco. Whenever the tall, charismatic figure of Joaquin Grilo took the centre of the stage it was for displays that were hypnotic, not histrionic. The dance was not allowed to upstage the music.

CLIVE DAVIS

# Out of the Cage

nets. Their programme, entitled Sound-Moving-Sound, made physical and visual use of the Purcell Room stage, transforming the concert at times into drama.

prising performers make a versatile duo: Ryder doubled Cage proved almost convenas percussionist and a second tional, and the presentation of his music here was straightvoice, Stowe also played the piano, mandolin and castaforward. It was also very

CONCERT

Ryder/Stowe Purcell Room

satisfying, especially in Ry-der's virtuoso playing of Daughters of the Lonesome Isle: the dusky timbres of the prepared piano still work their spell.

Stowe sang the haunting vocalise of A Flower in pure voice, though each phrase was interestingly coloured. She was communicative in the strange lyrics of Eight Whiskus, and vivid in The Wonderful Widow of Eighteen Springs and Nowth Upon Nacht, settings from Finnegans Wake.

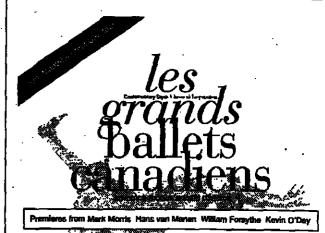
The same James Joyce work has inspired a new piano piece by the young Irish composer

Deirdre Gribbin, Waking in Laughtears, given its premiere here. The opposite emotions of the title are powerfully evoked in richly textured music.

Much more limited in their expression were the pieces by Jeremy Peyton-Jones, Karmella Tsepkolenko and Giacinto Scelsi. The two Peyton-Jones numbers amounted to little more than dreary mood music, and Tsepkolenko's Evening Patience tested mine. The onomatopoeic vocal sounds devised by Scelsi in Ogloudoglou and CKCKC lack the rich variety of Berio's

comparable Sequenza III. The final work, Graham Fitkin's neo-Romantic Nasar, is an impressive setting of lines from Gabriel Garcia Marquez's Chronicle of a Death Foretold, the grim tale matched in music that evokes harsh heat and dust. Stowe's soprano soared vibrantly right to the end of this duo's

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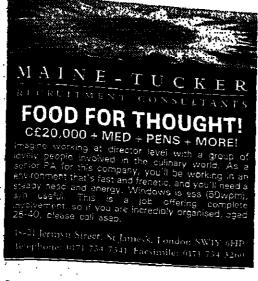
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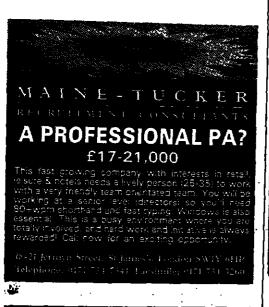
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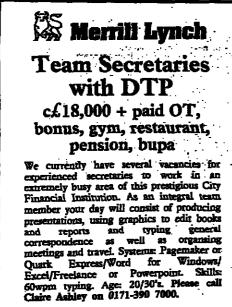
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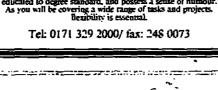
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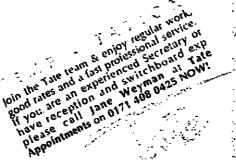
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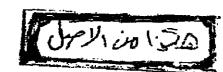


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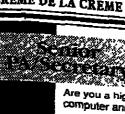
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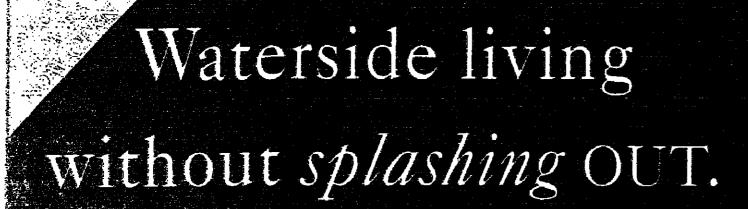
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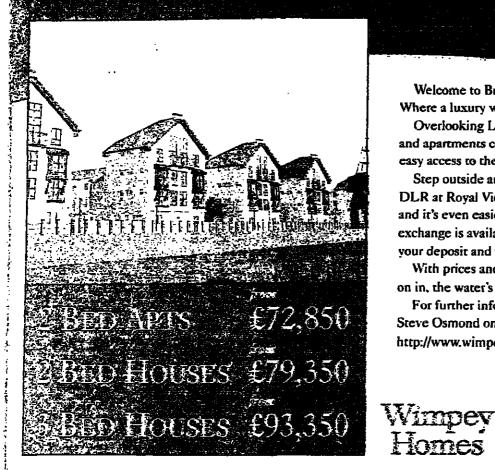
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Steve Ovett has added a thriving cottage industry to his historical home, reports Rachel Kelly

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n paper, the profit looks huge. Steve Overt, the Olympic gold medal-winner, and his wife. Rachel, are asking £1.3 million for Kimmount House, the Scottish stately home they bought eight years ago for £750,000.

But the figure disguises the

considerable sum the Ovetts have spent restoring the house in the Borders. Local agents estimate that they may have spent about £300,000 doing up the house and creating eight holiday cottages to rent. Mrs Ovett said that the restoration and conversion had involved "huge time and effort. A massive amount of love has gone into turning this house into what it is now."

In the process, the couple have transformed Kinmount House, built near Annan. Dumfriesshire, in 1812 for the Marquess of Oueensberry.

A servants' hall has been converted to an indoor swimming pool and the old bakehouse is now a gym and games room. The Ovetts have installed new plumbing, new cen-tral heating and rewired the house. A sense of the scale of the repairs is hinted at by the fact that the house had previously not been lived in for

The Ovetts bought the house from an absentee Australian who had owned it for four years. For most of this century, the house was owned by the Birkbeck family, still neighbours of the Ovetts and owners of the Kinmount estate. The Marquess of Queensberry sold the house to Edward Brooke of nearby Hoddam Castle in 1893. His granddaughter, Sarah, now Mrs Edward Birkbeck, still owns the estate.

The house stands in 13 acres of formal gardens with lawns, shrubberies and an Italian garden with a summerhouse. The designer must have had autumn in mind - then, the colours of the great oak and beech trees and monster conifers are reflected in the two lakes to

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The marquess insisted that the house was built of stone with minimal use of timber because a fire had devastated the previous Queensberry seat, Kelhead House, at the turn of the 18th century. John Douglas's descendant, the 9th Marquess of Queensberry, is best remembered for inaugurating boxing's Queensberry rules, which converted the sport from brutal prize fighting into one demanding skill and technique

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Designed by Sir Robert Smirke, architect of the British Museum, Kinmount boasts a great hall, a reception hali, a ballroom with domed ceiling, a billiard room, an orangery and ten bedrooms. Its elegant, Neo-Classical façade is rather spoilt by some top-heavy balustrading added at the turn of the century. There is also an aviary and a courtyard which the Ovetts have developed into their holiday

'A massive amount of love, time and effort has gone into this house'

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However, the time has come to sell. The Ovetts wish for a smaller house to enable the whole family to do more travelling together. Mrs Ovett says: "My husband spends much time abroad commentating on sporting events for American television, but travelling is difficult when you are leaving behind such a large house."

Mr Ovett last struck gold at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, when he won the 5,000 metres. He has a lucrative contract commentating on athletics for ITV Sport, after his 1980 Olympic gold triumph in Moscow.

The family intend to stay in the area, but if the record of other recent Scottish sales is anything to go by, their move may be slow to materialise. Eilean Aigas, near Inverness, a romantic island kingdom, took 18 months to sell. The Fraser family eventually sold the house at the end of 1994, having dropped the guide price from E800,000 to E600,000.

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The exact acreage affected is uncertain, as statistics are unavail-

able, but Martin Lowry, the RICS's rural property spokesman, says it is a regional problem. The mainly arable south and east of the country will see less of a problem.

"For several years, smaller farmers have been moving out of dairy farming and into raising beef cattle. This has fitted in nicely with environmental pressures as beef grazing uses the kind of small landscapes which we all like to see in the countryside. There is no ready alternative for beef farmers, so if the problem continues the countryside could be facing a difficult future."

Mr Lowry says the crisis has had no effect on the price of organic farms, but agents confirmed that numbers of farm sales had fallen off. Nicholas Hextall, director of John D. Wood's Oxford office, says that farmers are waiting before committing themselves to farm

The expected fall in land values follows an extraordinary boom in prices over the past two years, thanks to European subsidies and a shortage of land. Savills reports that the average value of land with vacant possession rose by 50 per cent in the first half of 1995.

The year-on-year increase now stands at 22 per cent, with a total increase since the middle of 1993 of 48 per cent. With a buoyant farmland market it has made sense to split up large estates, with the main house selling separately from its farmland, says Crispin Holborrow from Savills.

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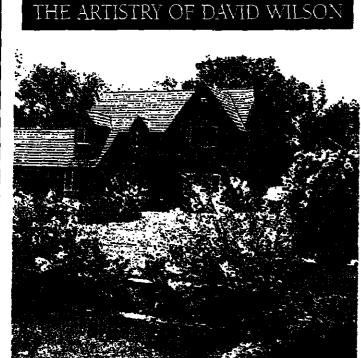
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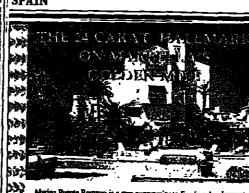
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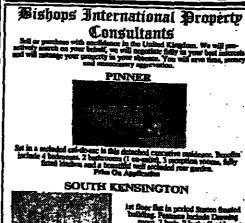
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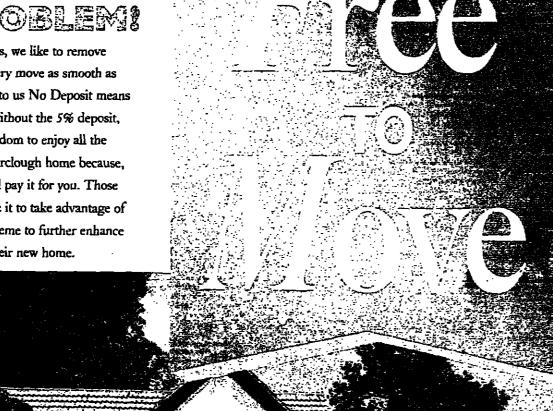
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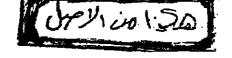
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since the event began last

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poor finishing have exasperat-ed their small band of sup-

Koreans have speed, fitness and enough skill to find a way

through the best opposition.

They seem, however, to have

little tactical awareness and

could find themselves in a

cul-de-sac when running into

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The Koreans have been

closely studying the British

system of summoning Giles

from the bench to strike short

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Giles himself had little luck in

the first three matches of this

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short corner in the 5-2 victory

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Britain and South Korea have played each other four

times, with Britain winning

two matches and the Koreans

one. Their last meeting was in

October 1990 at Luton, where

Britain won 8-0, a result that

must be taken only at face

value. Because their senior

team was committed else-

where, the Koreans sent their

South Korea, who defeated

both Pakistan and India on

the way to winning the Asian

Games gold medal in 1994, are

perhaps best remembered for

their stirring recovery against

Great Britain in the 1988

Olympic Games in Seoul,

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The Koreans are in the same

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# Brown waits for specialist view of Ferguson injury

By Kevin McCarra

CRAIG BROWN, the Scotland manager, named Duncan Ferguson in his squad for the international in Denmark next Wednesday, but knows that an operation may rule the Everton forward out of the European championship finals in June.

The club is to have the player examined by a special-ist this morning. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, intended that Ferguson should play in last night's fixture against Liverpool, so that his groin strain would be at its most severe when examined. Of late, the Scot has barely been able to train between

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Since moving to Goodison Park, he has had two hernia operations, but the lingering

difficulties leave open the possibility of further surgery. The specialist will determine whether he is merely being affected by scar tissue in that area, which would allow him to continue playing, or whether the scalpel will have to be

wielded once more. "If an operation is needed, we will have to forget about him," Brown said. That, in itself, might not seem a ruinous turn of events, since Ferguson has not scored on any of his five international appearances, but the loss of the forward would strike at an area of the squad where resources are limited.

Brown had once envisaged that Ferguson would be paired in attack with Scott Booth, and the Aberdeen forward scored

## Waddle rejects offer of one-year contract

CHRIS WADDLE, the for- Aldridge, who fears he could mer England football international, has rejected the offer of a new one-year playing con-tract by Sheffield Wendesday and is available for transfer at a price of £250,000.

"I have had a talk with the manager |David Pleat| and it was all very friendly." he said. The offer of a year's contract was as a player, but it was made clear I am no longer regarded as a regular in the team. I want to be either playing regularly or doing a job as a player-coach or as a player-manager, so we agreed it would be best if I was made available.

Waddle has been on the substitutes bench for Wednesday's past three matches, his latest start being at Aston Villa on March 6.

Alan Moore, the Middlesbrough midfield player, has meen called into the Republic of Ireland squad for the international against the Czech Republic in Prague next week. He replaces Keith O'Neill, of Norwich City, who has had to withdraw because of a ligament injury.

Also missing will be John

aggravate an injury that would restrict his efforts to keep Tranmere Rovers, where he has taken over as playermanager, in the first divi-

Jimmy Nicholi, the Millwall manager, is considering a return to active duty at the age of 39. The former Manchester United and Northern Ireland defender may select himself when his club, also struggling to avoid relegation from the first division, take on fellow relegation candidates Oldham Athletic on Saturday.

A rash of suspensions and injury problems have created selection problems for Nicholl, who picked himself at his former club, Raith Rovers, earlier this season. His last English league game was for West Bromwich Albion in March 1986.

René Higuita, the Colombia goalkeeper famous for his "scorpion kick" in a match against England at Wembley last year, has asked to be excluded from the national side because he feels he is out of form.

in four consecutive matches for Scotland at Hampden last season. Since then, however, he too has suffered from recurrent groin strains. The Scotland manager has

now named Booth only in the squad for the B game with Denmark on Tuesday. Brown explained that he sees little point in including Booth in the main party at a time when he is still recovering from injury and might only have a limited role in the A fixture. "We need to get him a game," observed the manager. "He has been exceptional in the past, but we want to see him playing and proving he is wholly fit.

Once he has stopped brooding over his forwards, there is only continuity for Brown to ponder. Even Alan McLaren, the Rangers defender, who may require minor surgery on his knee after the Tennents Scottish Cup final, should only miss training for a week.

The under-21 side has reached the semi-finals of their European championship, but Brown is not minded to disrupt his plans by promoting them to the full squad. Instead, Scott Marshall, Jackie McNamara and Stephen Glass will have to be content with places in the B squad.

Brown is virtually certain of the composition of the party he will take to England this summer, but its quality is still in doubt. Scotland's last away match, in Sweden in the autumn, saw the team attempt a more flowing style of football, but the experiment ended with a 2-0 defeat.

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James Tedrake follows the shot played by his father, Simon, during their victory yesterday

## Nivens surrender golf crown

By JOHN HENNESSY

PERHAPS it was not quite Faldo v Norman, but there is still a place for the Nivens v the Jameses in the golfing scheme of things. They met yesterday in the first round of the Father and Son tournament, at West Hill Golf Club, nezr Woking.

The Jameses, playing in this company for the first time, took the lead against the holders at the second hole and never surrendered it, eventually winning by 4 and 3. The Nivens, in the words of the father, "could not repeat the miracles of last year".

The Jameses are formidable

newcomers: Robbie, in his other guise the secretary of the Walton Heath club, playing off six, and Mark, recently returned from a scholarship in the United States, a scratch golfer. The younger Niven, David, plays off three, so the contest was notable for some class acts.

The Nivens, receiving two shots, were irritated by the waste of the first, the 419-yard 6th, which they won with a net three to a five. That briefly pulled them back to one hole down but three putts at the 8th and John Niven's bunkered tee shot at the 9th meant that they turned three down. The second stroke hole, the

14th, this time went to the holders on handicap, but, on either side, the Jameses profited from wayward strokes by John Niven. 76 years old and still playing off eight, at the 12th and 15th, and the game was up.

The Jameses now play the Burridges, of Ealing, who are competing for the twentieth time but have yet to reach the final. Derek Burridge lost the first hole yesterday, admitting to a "terrible" second shot after his son, Mark's, tee shot but they steadily pulled away from the Josephs, of Glamorganshire and, also won by 4 and 3. They will receive four shots this morning.

#### IN BRIEF

## Hudson leads charge

SOUTH Africa beat Pakistan by eight wickets yesterday to book their place in the final of the Sharjah Cup on Friday. After Pakistan were dismissed for 188 in 45 overs, opener Andrew Hudson ensured South Africa's victory, hitting 93 not out from 85 balls in 33.1 overs, with Gary Kirsten contributing 32 and Pat Symcox 35. South Africa's opponents in the final of the three nation tournament will be decided today, when they

take on India. West Indies have named three uncapped players in a 13-man squad to face New Zealand in the first Test in Bridgetown, starting on Friday. Robert Samuels, 25, a left-handed batsman, the Barbadian fast bowler, Patterson Thompson, 24, and Roland Holder, 28, who has played in 25 one-day internaprayed in 25 one-day intering in a control of the newcomers. SCHAD: C A Widsh (captan). S L Campbell, R Samuels, B C Lara, P V Surmons, S Chanderpaut, R IC Holder, J C Adams, C O Browne, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose, R Dharvaj, P Thompson.

#### Nickle in clear

Rugby league: Sonny Nickle, Bradford Bulls' Great Britain forward, has been cleared to play in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on Saturday week. Nickle was put on report for allegedly kicking out at an opponent in the defeat at St Helens last Sunday, but a Rugby Football League panel decided that he had no case to answer.

#### Sampras returns

Tennis: Pete Sampras, the world No l, will return to defend his Stella Artois grasscourt title at Queen's Club from June 10 to 16. Former champions Boris Becker and Michael Stich will also be taking part, along with Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman, rivals for the domestic No I ranking.

#### Ainslie third

Sailing: Ben Ainslie, 19, Britain's youngest Olympic team member, finished third in the Laser world, championships off Cape Town yesterday, despite being disqualified in one race because his clothing was found to be over the permitted weight.

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FOOTBALL

Nantes (0) v Juventus (2) ...... Panathinalkos (1) v Ajax (0) (6.30)

Newcastle v Southampton (7.45)..... Nottingham Forest v Coventry (7.45)... Shelfield Wednesday v Chelsea (7.45).

Endsleigh Insurance League First division

Second division

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup Semi-finals, second legs

FA Carling Premiership Aston VIIIa v West Ham (7.45) Blackburn v Wimbledon (7.45) Manchester Utd v Leeds (8.0) UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Wales () Northern Ireland 2 (at Wresham) OTHER MATCH: Motherwell 1 Wolver-

String 3 (Dumberton win 6-5 on pers)

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, se Crystal Palace 3 Liverpool 3 (set 90min. Liverpool win 7-5 on agg) GOLF

WEST HILL: Father and Son foursomes fournament: First round: M and G Taggart (Midernesse) bit A and G Morrson (Chigwell I hole: D and T (Lord (Northernis) bit J and G Gow (Formby) 1 hole: R and T Fraser (West Hall) bit A and I Berker (Sandhway, Burhall) 19th hole, T and E Curron (Wirethern, West Lothani bit A and H Wood (Welton Health) 3 and 1, 1 and S Henderson (Colchester) bit E and M Farmer (Royal Essibourne, North Hernis) 1 hole, H and T Motte (West Susser) bit J and P Muntphy (Steimorke, Tracey Park) 4 end 3; Dr R and M Wilkerer (Hactley Wood) bit RW and M Eledon-Dew (Walton Health) 4 and 3; S and G Bowyer (Motton) it R and 3; and M Elsdon-Dew (Walton Heath) 4 and 3: S and C Bowyer (Montown) bit R and J Lavelle (Berkshire) 2 and 1: D and G Stirk. (Royal North Down, Saunton) bit W and W Samey (West Hill. Sherborne) 3 and 2: R and C Coornbes (Walton Heath) bit P and M Cooper (Huntercombel) 1 hole: D and P Syles (East Devon, Thombury) bit W and J McCrea (Walton Heath) 1 hole: M and M Hickey (Walton Heath) 1 hole: M and M Hickey (Walton Heath) 1 hole: M and M MscPherson (New Zealand, Hockley) 3 and 1: S and J

Hendon; Molessey v Cershalton. First division: Abingdon Town v Tooting and Mitcham Third division: Lewes v Horncharch.

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Frictley V Satisfaey, Paris consistent American's Netherfaet, Facisis Celitic v Atherton LR AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Portsmouth: Cystati Palace v Watlord (at Dutwich Herniet, 7.0): [assisten v Milmeat (at Burly St Edmunds): Luton v Chelses; Notwich v Bristol Rovers, Oxford Uto v Aresnat; Southsampton v Wimbledon (at Marchwood FC) Second division: Newport, AFC v Bournemouth (7.45): Swansse v Torquey (2.0). PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Boston v Wolverhampton (7.0): Notice County v Birmingtam (7.0); Second division: Backpool v Port Vale (7.0); Bratiford v Hull (7.0); Gransby v Bernaley (7.0); Hudderstead v Manchester City (7.0); Minustriva South Humber (7.0); Minustriva South Humber (7.0); Sunderland v Bumley (7.0); Minustriva South Humber (7.0); Minustriva South Humber (7.0); Sunderland v Bumley (7.0); Minustriva Sunderland (7.0); Sunderland v Bumley (7.0); Minustriva South Humber (7.0); Sunderland v Bumley (7.0); Minustriva South Humber (7.0); Minustriva Sou

Prome v Tauriton. HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Fairtord v Highworth; North Leigh v Didcot.

Tedrake (Worplesdon) bi I and A MacLaran (Knole Park) 4 and 3; J and T Hubbard (Burhill) bir A and S Cox (Burnham Beeches) 4 and 2; P and R Price (Stoneham) bi D and A Home (Royal Porthosyl, Bearsted) 6 and 4; S and M Stradling (Rye, Worplesdon) bi J and A Beddwin (Tandridge, East Berls) 1 hole; G and G Bradbury (Burhill) bi Dr J and P Murphy-O'Connor (Denham) 19th hole, D and A Station (West Hill) bi I and W Kelsey Fry (Addington) 6 and 5; R and K Boxall (Backmore) bi J and 8 Steans, Glosel

and A Sitellen (West Hill) bit Jamel W Kelsey
Fry (Addington) 6 and 5: R and K Boxali
(Blackmoor) bit J and R Stevens (Royal
Worlington) 7 and 6. R and F Hope (Criberla) bit B and G Taylor (Thorpe Haff) 3
and 2: D end M Burridge (Ealing) bit B and M
Joseph (Gibernorganshire) 4 and 3: G and M
Joseph (Gibernorganshire) 4 and 3: G and M
James (Walton Heath) bit J and D Niver (Newbury, Royal Cinque Ports) 4 and 3: A
and S Smith (Ashford Manor) bit J and W
Attenson (Bashop's Stortlord) 4 and 3; Dr J
and R Williams (Challehurst) bit B and B
Clarke (Holtye) 3 and 1; R and N Stokes
(Hayling) bit Dr J and A Chesser (Walton
Heath) bit D and P Goodfilie (Littlestone) 1
hole: P and S Smith (Surbton) bit G and J
Fletcher (Royal Mid Surby) bit Band B
and O Smith (Surbton) bit G and J Chappell
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Baltiurst (Hankley Common) bit I and C
Dyce (Sethon Walden, Wentworth) 18th

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Massey Ferguson v Studiey Bil.
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BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Lya Town v Wolverhampton C; Safford T v Lectricid V C.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Brokenhurst v East Cowes.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brokenhurst west beloe Town: Denaby v Glaschoughson Welfan.
BASS IRISH CUP: Sami-lined replay: Glenavon v Portadown (at The Oval, Beltast).

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CLUB MATCHES: Nunsation v Lutterworth

Courage Clubs Championship

Leicester v Sale (7.45) .......

Combined London OB v Surrey

Recresentative match

hole: D and J Dexon (Newtl, Royal Ashdown)
bit A and R McQuarter (Covertry, Berwick,
on Tweed) 3 and 2: R and S Stovold (West
Surrey) bit D and M Arundale (Fligh Post) 2
and 1: P and S Osborn (Lindrick, Royal
West Norlolk) bit D and J Cox (Surningdale) to
and G Finday (Addington, Royal
Blackheath) 1 hole: S and N Oliver (West
Bytaet) bit D and W Lang (Dyke) 2 and 1. G
and P Walter (Wolong) bit I and A Smith
(Righmoods) 1 hole: J and R Gill
(Worplesston) bit Mej M and R Handingham
(Lishook, Richmond Paild) S and 2: D and 3
Sinker (Stanchcombe Hill) bit R and J
Topham-Smith (Royal Worington) 5 and 3:
G and M Batt-Rawden (Haywards Heath,
West Hill) bit K and G Ross (East Sussex
National) 3 and 2: R and P Long (Mhodmill
Hill, Wavendon) bit R and M MacLean
(Tandridge) 5 and 4: A and J Stapleton
(Gerrards Cross) bit P and S Sechael (Tandhoge) 5 and 4; A and J Stapleton (Gerrards Cross) bt P and 5 Sechwai! (Moking) 4 and 3: J and M Connelly (Wolding) bt Dr M and J Geale (St Encodor, Nrussbord) 4 and 3: D and H Holland (Summingdele) bt 0 and H Owen (Denham) 4 and 3: C and A Teylor (Luftenham Heath, Burghley) bt D and M Baster (Hotme Heath) 1 hole: A and R Evens (Luftenham) 4 hole: A send R Evens (Luftenham) 5 hole: A send R Evens (Luftenham) 6 hole: A send R Evens (Luftenham) 6 hole: A send R Evens (Luftenham) 7 hole: A send R Evens (Luftenham) 8 hole: A send R Eve

and 1: J and N Gilbert (Bushil) bit C and J Hamdge (Cowdray Park, Warplesdon) 2 and 1 WHB and A Rod (Wentworth, Bretot) bit CJ and P Freeston (Wabum, Leicestershre) 4 and 3: A and J Aylwin (Surningdale) to J and T Clink (Lilley Brook) 1 hole; S and R Warm (Pinner Hill) bit E and R Pearce TODAY'S FIXTURES

| (7.30); Presion Grasshoppers v Wigen | (6.30) Cancelled: Coventry v Mosslev

WILLIS CORROON SHIELD; Army v RAF (et Twickenham, 3.0).

CRICKET

11.30 to 6 30, first day of three FENNER'S: Cambridge University Glamorgen THE PARKS: Oxford University v

Durham

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southamp
ton (second day of four): Second XI champions (Hampshire) v England under-19.

OTHER SPORT

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BASKETBALL Budwelser League; Championship play-offis: Quarter-finels, second leg: Shelfield v Worthing (7.30); Leopards v Manchester (8 0).
BOWLS: Men's English indoor championships (Melson Moweray)
GOLF: Father and Sons tournament (West Han

GOLP: Pains and So's tourigines (west Hit). SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hulf v Wolverhampton (7 30); Long Eaton v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7 30); Poole v Coventry (7 30)

University matches

# SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-finals: Grange 1

SCOTTISM CUP: Semi-finats: Grange 1 Torbrex W 2 Western 1 MIM D WOMEN'S REGIONAL LEAGUES: Final series: Metlands: Becliord 1 Lecester 2, Cramson Ramblers 1 Tamworth 2; Hampton 3 Kettering 1: Pickwick, 3 Peweril 0 North Backburn 4 Don Valley 0, Liverpool 0 Carlsis 2: Poyriton 0 Sheffield 1; York 3 Newcastle 0 West Cheffield 1; York 3 Newcastle 0 West Cheffend 1: East Glos D St Austell 1: Wimborne 2 Leominister 2. ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Final tables

Northeast division 

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Wyvern 47 Keimscott 22; Heriford Homeis 36 Aquile 49; Herborne 52 Hirondelles 59; Lindan 51 New Cambell 44.

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Toulouse 58 Grenoble 0: Bayonne 25 Narbonne 13, Nice 40 Racmg 10; Toulon 26 Agen 9, Mines 35 Perpignan 22. Pool two: Brive 54 Day 14; Castres 49 Montpellier 15; Begles-Bordeaux 25 Ramilly 10: Bourgoin 20 Pau 13; Montpetrand 45 Colomiers 6. ☐ Teams quadried for knockout stage Toulouse, Grenoble, Toulon, Nerbonne, Brive, Bourgoin, Böyles-Bordeaux, Castres, Toulous Nerbonne, Brive, Bourgoin, Böyles-Bordeaux, Castres, Tall IAN ChalatipionShife Royden. 18 ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Rovigo 18 Traviso 16; Roma 15 Milan 50; San Dona 26 L'Aquila 22; Padova 20 Catanta 16.

SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Warkato 22 Otago 5 (in Invercargili)

**RUGBY UNION** 

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Army Open pistol champion-ships: Free pistol: 1, M Gault 560;pts: 2, N Beder 552. Air pistol: 1, Gault 583; 2, P Leathertiale 578. Service pistol: A: 1, M Jay, 178; 2, C Wabb 160, B: 1, R Wilson 110; 2; Jay 110. Centire fire: 1, Gault 587; 2, A Lamont 580. Sport pistol: 1, Leatherdele 584; 2, Gault 574. Rapid fire: 1 A Breton 581; 2, C Dale 562. Army open champ-lonship: 1, Lamont 1,132; 2, R Stanford 1,131. Army cub: championship: 1, J Carns: 1,115; 2, R Shelmerdine-Hare 1,092. Standard pistol: 1, Citts 563, 2, Stanford 558. Police pistol: 1, 8 Yard 288,14; 2, P Watchaw 299,19.

**TENNIS** 

BARCELONA: Men's tournement: First round (Spen unless stated); V Sandin bi A Chesnotov (Russ) 6-3, 3-6, 6-f; F Vicente br E Sánchez 6-4, 7-6; R Carretero bt J Sánchez 6-1, 6-3; O Martinez bt K Kucera Statedon, 8-1, 6-3; O Martinez bt K Kucera Sánchez 6-1, 6-3; O Mantinez DI K Kucera (Slovakia) 6-2, 6-2; G Blenco bt J Amese 7-5, 6-2; I Truyol bt S Noszaly (Hun) 7-5, 6-2; B Ultrach (Cz) bt M Goeffrer (Ger) 6-0, 6-2; F Magg (ft) bt S Peccosolito (g) 6-2, 6-4, J Burito bt F Clavet (Sp) 7-5, 6-2; A Costa bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-3, 6-2; C Moya bt J Alonso 6-4, 8-2; M Gustatisson (Swe) bt C Costa 6-1, 6-3

Costa 6-1, 6-3

TOKYO: Japan Open (Japan unless stated): Menr: First round: J Kroslak, (Stovalda) bi H Kaneko 6-2, 7-5; H Dreakmann (Ger) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-2, 6-4; G Russeriski (GB) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 6-2, 6-1, S Lareau (Can) bt M Knowles (Bah) 6-1, 6-2; J Tanango (US) bit T Herman (GB) 6-1, 6-4; K Carlsen (Den) bt Y Yamamoto 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, J Reruzenbrink (Ger) bt D Norman (Bel) 6-2, 9-5, 6-2, S Campbell (US) bt D Nestor (Can) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, M Norman (Swe) bt O Ogorodov (Uzb) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Women: First round: N Sawermatsu bt L Pount (US) 1-5, 6-3, M Studenikova (Skovakia) bt M Saelt 6-3, 6-7, K Kschwendt (Ger) bt Wang Shi-Ting (Taiwan) 6-2, 6-2; N Miyagi bt S Appelmans (Bel) 7-6, 4-6, 6-0.

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to win the showjumping Volvo World Cup on Dollar Girl for the second successive year here this week. The three-part competition, the toughest and richest indoor event in the sport, begins today in the Palexpo Arena. Forty riders will compete for prize-money totalling £500,000.

John Whitaker, one of only two riders to have won the cup in successive years (1990 and 1991), is the only other Briton to have qualified.

Skelton comes here in buoy-ant mood. Dollar Girl has shown little sign of her 15 years in recent months, with wins in Bordeaux and Moorsele, Belgium, in February and third place in the 's-



Skelton: buoyant

Hertogenbosch Grand Prix in Holland last month. "I've done everything I can to prepare her." Skelton said yesterday. "She's in good form

While Skelton intends to ride Dollar Girl in all three legs, Whitaker, who has qualified for every final since the event started in 1979, may swap horses. "If Grannusch well in the warm-up class. I may use him in the opening speed leg and keep Welham for Friday and Sunday." he said.

Though not one of the favourites this year, Whitaker has a realistic chance of sucin the Gothenburg qualifier a fortnight ago. Welham, now foreleg.

NICK SKELTON will attempt 16, a tough, hard horse with whom Whitaker has forged a winning partnership in the last 12 months, has been consistently placed during the spring, most recently in Paris, at the end of March, where he was third.

Although riders from North America won the cup in ten out of the first II finals, the recent run of European successes looks set to continue. Hugo Simon, of Austria, at 53 the oldest rider in the final, is in devastating form, as he showed when winning the German and Dutch qualifiers in successive weeks. With two in-form horses - Apricot and ET Simon — he would be a popular and deserving win-

The Olympic champion. Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, who is also seeking a second win, is the biggest threat to Simon. The winner of three qualifiers this season, Beerbaum has a formidable choice of horses in Ratina, his 1993 World Cup winner, Rush On, the winner in Paris last month, and Gaylord, on whom he narrowly beat Skelton in the London qualifier.

Franke Sloothaak, the world champion and a compatriot of Beerbaum, underlined the form of his top horse, Weihaiwei, when finishing third in Dortmund last month. Sloothaak, the runnerup last year and third in 1990. has made no secret of his wish to add this title to his list of successes.

Traditionally, a rider hoping to win the cup needs to finish in the leading ten after the opening speed leg, which will be held tomorrow. In six of the last nine finals, the winner of the opening leg has won the cup. The second leg takes place on Friday evening. The final part, a two-round grand prix. is on Sunday

Lucy Thompson, of Ireland, the European three-day event champion, has had to withdraw from the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Triais next month after her horse. Welton Romance, damaged a



Khan drives square of the wicket on his way to 94 for Oxford University against Leicestershire yesterday

# Khan earns professionals' respect

SCOREBOARD FROM THE PARKS

By PAT GIBSON

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE headed back to Grace Road last night with new respect for what county professionals tend to dismiss as "schoolboy cricket" after Oxford University had failed - gloriously - in pursuit of a victory target of 238 in 42 overs.

They may not be the first county to have their eyes opened in the Parks this summer. There is a school of thought that believes that the universities should no longer be granted first-class status, but the batting talent in the Oxford side argues otherwise. The standard was set yester-

day by Gul Khan, 22, a Swansea graduate, who is now doing a course in social studies. His two centuries for Essex 2nd XI last season apparently came too late to convince them that he has a future in county cricket. Their loss may be someone else's tJN Batty not out ..... gain. Whatever Essex's reser- Total (6 wids dec)

technique, there was no doubting the attacking flair that took him from his overnight 55 to 94. including 12 fours and a six off Millns that, according to the groundsman's measurement, carried 95 yards over

the square-leg boundary. He was out next ball, caught behind off Millns, and his disappointment was even

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 299 (or 4 dec (B F Smith 123 not out, P A Naon 100 not out, V J Wells 57)

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-84, 3-105 BOWLING, Matter 11-1-56-1; du Prez 5-0-20-0; Maii. 11-0-48-2; Wagh 4-0-18-0. Khan 1-0-5-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C M Gupte c Parsons b Pierson J Sutcirte c Wells b Parsons C Ridley c Nexon b Mulally

"JJ Whitaker b Malik
G I Macmillan c Jarrett b Mather
V J Wells c Ricley b Malik
D L Maddy not out
G J Parsons not out
Extrac (w 1)

Total (3 wkts dec)

ond ball in the second innings. leg-before to the medium pace of Maddy, who had never previously taken a wicket in first-class cricket.

By then, however, two more Oxford batsmen had caught the eye. Whitaker, Leicestershire's new captain, had made them a generous offer with his declaration at 145 for three

FALL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-45, 3-113, 4-114, 5-176, 6-187

BOMING, Milhs 18-8-59-2, Mullally 15-2-53-1; Person 13-3-37-1, Person 13-2-23-1; Wells 4-0-9-1; Maddy 2-1-1-0, Macmillan 2-1-1-0.

Second Inneres

21-1; Parsons 10-2-43-1, Pierson 9-0-58-0; Wells 2-0-20-0, Maddy 5-0-28-2.

Umpres: A G T Whilehead and N G Cowley

Going: good to firm
2.00 (1m 4f) 1, SHERPAS (Pat Eddery, 7-2 av); 2, Sassuru (Paul Eddery, 9-2); 3, Vatedictory (W Ryan, 9-1) ALSO RAN 9-2 Chief Contender, Wilawander (4th), 10 highland 6aft (5th), 14 Lakeline Legend, 25 Casida, 33 Zatorum (6th), 100 Glowing Recks, 10 ran NR: Petrolio Hd. 11, 3-1, 141, 3-1 nd. H Casil at Navmarket, 70se, 23.30; c1 50, c1 50, c2 20 DF, 65 80 Tho 68 70. C5 5: 217 42 2min 32.88sec.
2.35 (60) 1, 67 SAI FET (I) Detton, 7-27: 2

CSF: £77 42 2min 32.88sec.

2.35 (6I) 1, £LSALEET (L Detton, 7-2): 2, Watch Me (Dene O'Neil, 15-2); 3, Omara (Par Eddery, 3-1 lav), ALSO RAN: 4 Mutamerni (4th), Woodbury Lad, 12 Staroyok, (5th), 14 Hoh Returns (8th), Literary Society, 25 Cadeau Elegani, 33 Clutel Arch, 100 Georgie Boy, 11 ran, NR: Inflisab, Hd, 9, 19ti, 17t, 39ti, 17 Gosden at Newmarket, Tote: £5.10; £2.20, £2.80, £1.50, DF: £35.10 Tior: £16.00 CSF: £30 (6I), 1, PASSION FOR LIFE (Pat Eddery, 11-4 lav, Private Hendicapper's top rating); 2 listamal (Paul Eddery, 15-2); 3, Struggier (L Detton, 11-2), ALSO RAN: 6 Soviet Line, 8 Branston Abby, 12 Cool. lazz (5th), Easy Dotar (4th), 14 Baize, 16 Genesal Monach, 25 Warning Tine, Welsh Mést (6th), 33 Wavian, 100 Montiserrat, 13 tan, 141, 2, hd, sh hd, 1% G Lewis at Epsorn Tote: £3.50; £1.70, £1.90, £2.30 DF: £13.40 Tior: £43.10, CSF: £22.21, Imm 11.49sec

Iron 11.48/sec
3.40 (7f) 1, Th'RILLING DAY (D Harrison, 20-1); 2, Birt Salexabil (W Carson, 7-2 k-lav), 3. Honest Guest (P Robinson, 16-1)
ALSO RAN -7-2 (-lav Madd For The Hills (5till, 9-2 Mezzoporono, 7-Wid Harrison, 15-2 Darbrig Flame (6fb), 12 My Melody Parkas (4th), 16 Mart, 50 Coachella, Contic, 11 ran Sh hd, 2-4, 1-4, 1-4, N Graham at Newmarket, Tote: 226.50, 25.20, 21.70, 23.40 DF; £44.50 Trior 2228.30 CSF £81.73 limit 25.31sec, 4.15 (Im 69) 1, SANIMATINO (Pat Eddery, Evens fav); 2, Uncharged (B Doyle, 7-2); 3, Thaljanah (T hes, 6-1), ALSO RAN 9-2 Advence East (4th) 4 ran, 00.32sec, 445 (7f) 1, SKY DOME (P Robinson, 16-1).

1.45 (7f) 1, SKY DOME (P Robinson, 14-1):

2. Welville (J Wooder, 11-2), 3. White Plains (R Muller, 7-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 II-lav Suellach, Waypoint (4th), 10 Consordino, 14 Jerry Cuttona (5th), Ocean Grove, 16 Beas fiver, Lyzia, Missile Toe, Red Rusty, 25 Rebel County (6th), 13 ran, NR: Apache Len Hd. 2l, sh hd, 11-1, hd M Tomplens at Newmarket, Tote: £16 40;

M Wagh run out H S Mahik not out M E D Jamet run o

Newmarket

Going: good to time

Gupte, brilliantly caught in the gully by Pierson, the two left-handers, Sutcliffe and Ridley, accepted it with alacrity.

Sutcliffe, who happens to be Leicestershire player, made 65, containing a six and seven fours, while Ridley, the Australian on a Bradman Scholarship, raced to 104 off 108 balls. hitting four sixes and eight fours and putting so much into one drive off Parsons that he took a chunk out of his bat.

Between them, they put on 147 in 30 overs and so embarrassed Leicestershire that at one stage they were in Sunday League mode with five men on the boundary ropes. Parsons needed all the experience of 18 seasons in the game to apply some kind of brake before he had Sutcliffe caught in the gully and Oxford still fancied their chances until Ridley sliced a drive against Maddy for Pierson to take his third catch. Only then did the "schoolboys" betray their inexperience, three of them getting themselves run out as they finished 26 runs short with three wickets left.

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,125.78 carried forward to Newmarket loday).

Placepot £53.40. Quadpot £29.80.

1.20 (6) 189yd) 1. Aerleon Jane (A. McGione, 7-4 lavi; 2. Poerry (10-1); 3. Proud Look (9-4), 12 ran. MR; Sarasota Ryde Nk, 4l, J Gosden, Tole: £2.30; £1,10, £5.50, £1.30, DF: £18.30, Tho, £6.40 CSF; £19.68

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1.50 (6f) 1. Deepty Vale (A Lakaman, 11-2); 2. Scissor Ridge (15-2), 3. Mazzareto (14-1), 4. Pointer (33-1) Giggleswick Garl 5-1 tav 18 ran, 29k, shird G I. Moore, Tota: £7.40; £1.70, £1.70. £3.50, £10.30 DF; £15.70 Thio: £262.90 CSF; £44.96 Thicast £5.09 £2.

2.20 (51) 1, Lady Caroline Lamb (T Quinn, 8-13 lav); 2, Primo Lad (6-1), 3, Last But Not Least (11-4), 5 ran 2%, sh hd. M Channon, Tote: 61.30; 61.10, 61.80, DF; 63.00, CSF 64.60

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2.55 (1m 71 92yd) 1. Toy Princess (N. Darley, 18-1); 2. Halfleadeh (20-1); 3. Stalled (4-1 tab.), 4. Authoritary Arrivation (20-1); 16 ran, 31, 5 C British Totes (21-30, 24-70, 68-90, 61-40, 65-10, 05); 170c; 2319-50, CSF; 2588,95 Tricast, 51,395 71.

3.25 (5) 1. Friendly Brave (A Whelan, 11-4); 2, Moujech (5-1); 3, Petraco (2-1 lav) 7 ran. NR. Alaz. 31, nk. Miss G Kelleway Tote: C4.10, C1.90, C2.70 DF: C10.30 CSF- C15-68. After a stewards' Inquiry, result stood.

Inquiry, result stood.
4.00 (1m 4f) 1, Stherat (K Darley, 15-8 fan);
2. Northern Fleet (5-2); 3, Horesti (11-2); 14
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Dunlop. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.70, £1.80
DF £2.90 Teb: £4.90 CSF: £7.15,
4.35 (8I 189yd) 1, Sendaber (K Bradshew,
5-1); 2, Corson (5-2); 3, Cracy Chiel (2-1
fav), 12 ran, Ni, ni, M Stoute. 1968: £4.90,
£2.40, £1.70, £1.10, DF: £10.10, Tno:
£29.50, CSF: £18.49.

Going: good to firm, firm in places

Folkestone

## Injury robs Leicester of Liley in pursuit of leaders

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JOHN LILEY, the leading points-scorer in the Courage Clubs Championship first division, will miss Leicester's meeting with Sale at Welford Road tonight. The champions hope to draw level with Bath on points - if not on points difference - at the top of the table, but Liley gashed a knee against Bristol last weekend and has not recovered.

The full back should be fit to play at Twickenham on Sunday, when Leicester meet an International XV in the Sanyo Cup challenge match, but against Sale his place goes to Jez Harris. Nor will Rory Underwood be available, the England wing is committed to the RAP's joust with the Army for the inter-services championship this afternoon at Twickenham, so Andy Mc-Adam plays instead.

This is the second of five games in a frenetic 15-day period for Leicester who missed a golden opportunity of making up ground on Bath by letting Bristol back into the match last Saturday. Now they play a Sale team still hopeful of a European qualifying place. Next there is Sunday's money-raising match, which is to benefit all first-division clubs, and a week today they play Gloucester before concluding their league season against

Harlequins. Bath, having played one more game, lead the table by two points, but, more significantly, boast a points difference of 266 compared with Leicester's 192. Sale's squad of 19 includes David Rees, the wing picked for the under-21 international between England and France in Bath on Friday, and Mark Warr, who is due to play scrum half for Warwickshire in Saturday's CIS county championship final against

Gloucestershire. Newcastle have confirmed the addition to their squad of the Bristol and England lock, Garath Archer, and West Hardepool's England A centre, Andrew Blyth. They have also signed, on a twoyear contract. Ross Nesdale, 27, of New Zealand, who has been the regular deputy at Auckland's team for the last five seasons.

## Onus must switch to youth for Britain to progress

FROM NORMAN DE MESQUITA

NOW that all eight countries involved have played four games, pool B of the world ice hockey championship here has settled down and the likely outcome can be

Latvia deservedly lead the table with four wins, the most important of them being a 4-1 success over the previously unheaten Belorussia in what will probably prove to have been the decider.

Great Britain can be satisfied with their fourth position after two wins and two defeats and were hoping to improve that record against Japan last night. Provided that Denmark are also beaten, as they should be Britain's final game, against Belorussia on Saturday, could decide who takes third place.

The day off on Monday was spent on a gentle workout with attempts being made to eradicate what Peter Woods the coach, describes as "bad habits picked up in our domestic competition". At least the wins over Poland and Holland saw the penalty count fall dramatically and Switzerland and Belorussia are now below Britain in the race for the fair play cup. With their new-found disci-

pline. Great Britain look a match for most countries at this level, in spite of one or two of the older players having proved disappointing.

Paul Dixon, 22, the Durham defencemen, has been one of the successes of the tournament and has been given more ice time and more responsibility as the competition has progressed. He has responded well.

In contrast, Doug McEwen and Shannon Hope, who have given yeoman service to Great Britain, have failed to impress and this must surely be their international swansong. Others who are nearing the end of the international road include Terry Kurtenbach and Kevin Conway.

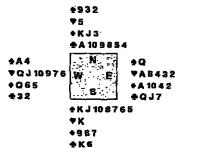
There is no shortage of young talent in British ice hockey and it is time for a more forward-looking selection policy. Pool B is the appropriate level for the team and some regard must now be hooker for Sean Fitzpatrick in | paid to the long-term future of Great Britain as an international ice hockey nation.

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The Reisinger is reckoned to be the toughest of the American National events. It uses "point-a-board" scoring — on each hand a team gets 2 or 1 or 0 points according to whether it wins, ties or loses the board. East found an excellent defence on this hand from the 1995 event.

**Dealer South** 



les by South North's raise to Four Spades was sound, because even if it did not make, it might gain if East-West had a heart contract.

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When the king of nearts fell under East's ace, East could see the danger of the club suit. It seemed to him that the best chance was to find West with a trump trick, so at trick two. East switched to the two of diamonds. Now when West got in with the ace of spades, he continued diamonds, and the defence took two tricks in that suit to beat the contract. Notice that if East continues with the queen of spades at trick two. West has to switch to a diamond to give the defence any chance, but declarer is

home if he guesses correctly. It was a brave play to make. Other possibilities were a low club, playing South for

HARDTAIL

b. A bird

c. A mule

NIBUNG

b. A palm

a. A US Army Pioneer

a. A subterranean dwarf

c. A bribe or sweetener

## All Pass

Game all

◆AKxxxxxx ♥ K ◆ Qx ◆ xxx; or a spade, playing South for ◆ KJ10xxxx. ▼ K ◆ x ◆ Kxxx. In either of these cases the low diamond is a losing

The report I read did not explain East's reasons for his actual play, but I suppose he considered the actual layout more probable than the other two I describe above.

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WORD-WATCHING

KEATING

b. A forgery

LORAN

a. An insect powder

c. Sailing across wind

c. A navigational system

Answers on page 46.

a. A Rhine maiden

b. A Swiss Canton

By Philip Howard

# KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

#### Blindfold chess

At the Melody Amber tournament in Monaco which consists of a mixture of blindfold and speed games the lead is held after eight rounds by the young Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik with the fine score of 72 points. The two contenders for the Fide (World Chess Federation) world championship match world championship match set for Baghdad in June, Karpov and Kamsky are both languishing in midfield. Here the latter succumbs in

a complicated game of fluctuating fortunes to the Ukrainian grandmaster, Vassily Ivanchuk. In this game, both players had to make their moves without being able to see the board or pieces.

White: Gata Kamsky Black: Vassily Ivanchuk Melody Amber, Monaco,

April 1996	
Ruy Lopez	
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2 N/3 Nc6	ì
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4 Ba4 Ni6	
5 0-0 Bc5	
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7 d3 Qd6	
8 Nbd2 Be6	
9 a3 a5	
10 b3 Nd7	•
11 Ng5 0-0	
12 Bb2 f6	
13 Nove6 Oxe	6
14 Kh1 Ridi	
15 Ch5 Of7	•
16 Qg4 Nt8	
17 14 ext4	
18 Rxf4 Ng6 19 Rf5 Oe6	

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine — Zubareff, Moscow 1916.

White has a strong attack but

would appear to be hindered

by the mate threat against h2.

How did he prove that this

was only an apparent

Solution on page 46

20 Rat1

21 Bxd4

distraction?

Rixe4 Rh4+ Kf3 43 Ke3 44 Kd2 White resigns

Diagram of final position 7 6 全主 宣生 5 4 在 **全** 3 2 2

ab c d e f g h After 46 Kxd4 Qd1+ the

white queen is lost.

Man v Machine update In the Aegon Man v Machine tournament in The Hague, Holland, London grandmaster Jon Speelman has drawn with the Quest computer. Grandmasters Yasser Seirawan and John van der

Wiel both have 4/4. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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5.10 (1m 1i 149yd) 1, Scottish Bernbi (Mr P Scott, 5-11; 2, Kingchip Bov (9-1); 3, Manaber (12-1) Zahid 7-2 tav. 14 ran NR Pennine Wind. 41, 13-1 P Webber. Tote: £8.90; £2.20, £1.70, £3.00, DF: £105.30, Trio: £344.80 (pari won; pool of £342.84 cented forward to 4.15 at Newmarket today), CSF: £50.51. Tricast: £485.22 Imm 27 80sec 520 (1m 2h 1, DOVALY (Par Eddary, 8-1): 5.20 (1m 2h 1, DOVALY (Par Eddary, 8-1): 2. Sacho (L. Deltori, Evens lav): 3, Generosus (W Ryan, 14-1). ALSO RAN-5 Radiani Star. 14 Robertaseri (Shi). 16 Ajaad Aljaree. Magurek. 20 Bowled Over. Sala, 25 Ambassador (4th). Get Away With It. 33 Michamad. 50 Apocella. He's My Love. Royal Expose. Rusk. (6th). 16 ran. 14. 14. 31. 14. H. Cecil. al Newmarker Tote: 23 40; 52.40, £1 40, £2 60. DF. 95.30. Tho £15.00 CSF: £16.44. 2min 06.455ec Placepot £57.10. Quadpot £21.70.

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Goingr good, good to firm in places 2.10 (2m Inde) 1, Royal Expression (P Niven, Evers fav); 2, Raillise (11-4); 3, Ela Mate (16-1), 11 ran, 6l, 2½1, Mrs M Reveley, Tote £1.90; £1.10, £7.00, £7.00, £7.240. Trio: £10.60 CSF

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2.45 (2m hdie) 1. Harn N'Egge (R Gamtly, 15-8 fav); 2. Righland Way (8-1); 3. Allerby (50-1); 20 ran. NR: Baher. 29.1 111 M Hammond. Tota: £2.60; £1.50; £1.90. £1.20. DF: £5.80. Tho £19.0 10 (part worr, pool of £107 15 carried forward to 4.15 at Newmarket loday). CSF: £14.79.
3.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1. Earlymorning Light (A Dobbin, Evens law), 2. Establish (14-1); 3. Notable Exception (4-1); 11 ran. 29.1, 41 G Richards Tota: £1.60; £1.60. £1.60. DF: £1.40. Tiro; £77.40. CSF: £14.82.
3.50 (3m hdie); 1, New Tribe (I. O'Hara, 5-2 tax); 2. Krallyge (53.1); 3. Braillerton Bella (20-1); 10 ran. 17, 161 J Birlott. Tota: £2.80; £2.00. £2.60. £2.00. £3.00 DF: £407.40. Tho: £138.70 (part worr, pool of £175.82 carried forward to 4.15 at Newmarket today) CSF: £64.66. Bought in 3,100gns.

A.25 (3m 11 ch) 1, Westwell Boy (A. Colobin, 6-1), 2, Fasgrove (8-1); 3, Walarko Andy (12-1), Ruslant 11-16 fev, 8 ran 131, 16 P. Beaumont Tote: 26 30: E16.0. E2 10, E2 10, DF: £18.90, CSF: £47.48 Tricest: £508.95.

247.46 (neast 12089): 5.00 (2m 41 110yd Indie) 1, Rascally (A Thomion, 11-2); 2, Charity Crusader (3-1 lav); 3, Mister Tirok (11-2) 10 ran. 14, 131 Mass L Sidall Totes 24.30; 22.00, E1 30, E1 60 DF E7.40. Trio: £10.50. CSF E20-20. Trioss: £97.17, Alter a stawards; inquiry and an objection by the second to the winner, result stood. Placepot: £55.40. Quadpot: £19.30.

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# Thrilling Day gives Graham moment to cherish

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

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Alhaarth is a pretty idle horse

who only does enough. He has

been working very well and Dick could not be happier

with him, but this race will

Walter Swinburn's recovery

THE old adage that wellnamed horses are rewarded underlined by her failure to with victory in the best races stay the same seven furlongs was underlined yesterday when Thrilling Day provided Neil Graham with the most significant success of his training career by winning the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket.

Nitpickers will point to the fact that Minster Son, the 1988 St Leger winner, was technically trained by Graham, but Newmarket handler would be the first to acknowledge that he was holding the fort temporarily vacated by Dick Hern at the time of the classic success.

Anyone doubting how much Thrilling Day's short-head triumph meant to him only had to see the smile which lit up his cherubic features in the winner's enclosure.

"The owner [Lady Tavistock] said last season she hoped we would have some thrilling days with her and now we have had four." he enthused. "Today was very much the object of the exercise. If she got the trip, we were confident she would run well." The doubt over her stamina,

2.35 TARAWA (nap)

hold up Thrilling Day to-wards the rear of the field as

of the Rowley mile last auturnn, saw David Harrison Willie Carson set a scorching pace on Bint Salsabil. As the 11 runners entered the Dip. Carson's tactics looked to have paid off as he had most of his rivals floundering.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WORLD PREMIER (3.40 Newmarket) Next best: Master Boois (5.20 Newmarket)

However, when Harrison switched Thrilling Day towards the outside and she saw daylight the effect was immediate. Making up three lengths inside the final furlong, she caught Bint Salsabil in the final strides and, at 20-1, was the longest priced winner of the 1,000 Guineas trial.

Although the outcome of the race had little impact on the betting for the first fillies'

classic, the excellent run by the from an horrendous riding stoutly-bred Bint Salsabil saw accident in Hong Kong is progressing satisfactorily but, her promoted to favouritism for the Oaks by the big after seeing his doctor yesterbookmakers, with Coral going day, he has ruled out returnas short as 5-1. ing to race riding for the Graham, 35, who has 29 Guineas meeting in just over

horses in his care, started two weeks' time. "It's disappointing but the training in his own right late in 1989 after serving as assis-tant to Hern and his former sensible thing to do. I will be back sometime in May, governor looks set to be mak-Swinburn said. The delayed ing the headlines tomorrow by comeback means Barry Hills running Alhaarth, the odds-on favourite for the 2,000 Guinjockey to ride the Maktoum Al-Maktoum-owned Royal eas, in the Craven Stakes rather than risk encountering Applause in the 2,000 Guinsoft ground in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Satur-

Passion For Life made a day. When Hern won the colts' successful transition from handicap to listed company classic with Nashwan in 1989 when making all the running he did not bother with a prep in the Abernant Stakes and is race but Angus Gold, racing now likely to contest valuable manager to Hamdan Al-Makraces in Germany rather than toum, the owner of Alhaarth, opting for Royal Ascot.

The growing belief that
Henry Cecil is poised for a explained yesterday: "Nashwan did everything

cracking season was reinopening Constant Security Maiden Stakes with Sherpas and the concluding Museum Maiden Stakes with Dovaly, both owned by Khaled



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Thrilling Day (left) fends off Bint Salsabil by a short head in yesterday's Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket

#### NEWMARKET THUNDERER 2.00 Kerry Ring 3.40 Tumbleweed Ridge

4.15 Opera Buff 4.45 Carmine Lake 5.20 Mubarhin

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 OPERA BUFF.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2,00 Kerry Ring. 3,05 SMART ALEC (nap). 4.45 Wooderine. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 GEOFFREY BARLING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-0 fillies: £4,815: 7f) (17 runners)

30- BALOUSTAR 174 (R Taylor) S Woods 6-11 W Woods 6-0 CD SUPER TARGETING 13 (Cacular Distributions) M Chamnon 8-11. R Hughes 5- CHARLOTTE CORDAY 177 (A Opperhalmer) S Wragg 8-11 G Millions (7) CHLOE'S ARCHUR (S Fusbol) W O'Common 8-11. Emma O'Borman A Machine 1 Millions 1 Mi BETTINE: 2-1 Kerry Ring, 5-1 Resity A Dearn, 6-1 Singapore Sting, La Pellegrina, 10-1 Saleemah, 12-1 others. 1985: WARNING SHADOWIS 8-11 B Doyle (7-1) C Britain 12 ran

2.35 RACING & FOOTBALL OUTLOOK RATED HANDICAP C4 

Long handlage: Prima Coustria 8-2, Castel Resolto 7-6, Ortonoportus 6-0. BETTIME: 4-1 Roving Minstert, 9-2 Monacello, 5-1 Tazara, 8-1 Baymburg, 10-1 others 1995; GOVERNOR GEORGE 4-9-4 Pat Eddery (13-2) J Duniop 21 sm

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TARAWA 2:Al 3rd of 12 to Prince of Andros in Instead case at Wokentarropton (AW. 1rm 11 79/01). MICHARASSE beat BLOMESPIS (11b bettes off) 3:Al 4-ments conditions race at Denrastes (71, good to timp). ASTRAC 31 and neck 3rd of 16 to Denrata in Tennico 22 to Strong and Company of the Denrata in Tennico 22 to Strong and Company of Tennico 22 to Strong an ROSSELO (Sib beier or) 19th. EMERGING MAR-NET fread 2nd of 12 to Muliflower in Handlago over course and distance (spood to limit). SASEEDO beat Modiesto 21 in 5-rosser contilione race at Yammouth (6), limit on penaltimate state PRHAMA COMMINAN short-head 2nd of 8 to Modi-tarigi in handlago at Lingüeld (7), good to famil on contilinate stat.

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD B-0432 G000 TIMES 74 (CD,8F,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Had 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

COURSE and distance women. RF - besten taxounite in latest race). Going on which horse has work (F — firm, good to limm, hand, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets.

3.05 EARL OF SEFTON STAKES (Group III: £19,188: 1m 1f) (9 runners)

Réstructure runs only if overnight win states trainer BETTIMG: 5-2 First Island, 4-1 Smart Alac, 9-2 Desart Shot, 8-1 Sacrament, Gabr, 10-1 others. 1985: DESERT SHOT 5-8-10 W R Swinburn (5-2) M Slouts 7 rzn

FORM FOCUS LUSO 3361 3rd et 4 to Pentire in group 8 Great Voltigeur Stakes at York (1m 41, good to firm), Aegust 95. DESERT SHOT bed Teat Captain Hocalius 1341 in group 10 Winter Hill Stakes at Wordson (1m 21, good to firm) on penutionale stant. FRST IS-LAND beat Wilgram 1341 in 7-runner listed race at Donastier (1m, good). GABRI, has been stoing in Dutes and America, wissing at Belmont Park (1m 110yd, firm). RESTRUCTURE best Lap Of Luxury shurt-head in 8-runner listed race over course and distance (good to firm). SACRAMENT about 3%1 4th of 7 to Only Royale in group it Sockey Club Stakes here (1m 4t. good). SMART ALEC best Resencents 3%1 in 6-runner conditions race here (7t, good to firm) levo seasons ago. Selection: FRST ISLAND

3.40 ngk spark plugs European free Handicap (Listed race: 3-Y-0: £16,570: 71) (8 runners)

BETTIME: 6-4 Turchlessed Riche. 3-1 Cayman Ka. 4-1 Decent Boy. 6-1 Locky Luciei, 7-1 Yarob. 10-1 Projection, 1995: DEFFIDENT 9-5 M J Kisane (11-10 tov) (A Fabre (Fr)) 12 ran

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## 4.15 BABRAHAM HANDICAP (£6,108: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

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5.20 WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-Y-0: £5.800: 1m) (21 ru 5 (14) 6 (15) 7 (15) 9 (19) 10 (19) 12 (12) 13 (14) 15 (17) 16 (17) 18 (19) 19 GULINER IX Abdulis) Is Hits 9-0 Pat Eddery
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4.25 OSSETT SELLING HANDICAP (£2,763: 1m 4yd) (20)

# World Premier to take starring role in Free Handicap

NEWMARKET **CHANNEL 4** 

2.35: Emerging Market is reasonably handicapped and ran well at Newmarket twice last term. Prima Cominna has not been out since last July and has switched stables, but would have chances judged on her second in a Lingfield handicap. Christmas Kiss has had the benefit of a run this term but is unproven over this trip. Blomberg won in some style first time out last spring before finishing an excellent second in the listed Easter Stakes. He was then off the course for nearly six months before an unlucky second to Monaassib and can begin to make up for lost time.

3.05: Few horses defy a group race penalty here and this looks to be between Smart Alec, Restructure and First Island. Smart Alec, winner of both his starts as a two-yearolu, was diagucu dy nigging immaturity problems last year and did not run but has been working very well recently. First Island won in the style of a much improved horse at Doncaster and could be bound for the Oueen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot. However, Geoff Wragg's likely favourite may be best over a mile and Restructure looks a value alternative. Julie Cecil's hope is proven over course and distance in listed company and is a progressive sort

3.40: Brian Meehan is convinced Tumbleweed Ridge is a group one performer but believes his Horris Hill winner will need his seasonal reappearance. By contrast, Richard Hannon is in bullish mood about Cayman Kai, the Flying Childers winner. whom he expects to stay this stiff seven furlongs. However, both victories last term were over the minimum trip and I



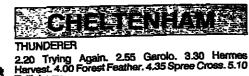
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prefer the chances of World Premier, who should relish the step up to seven furlongs. The Chesham Stakes winner is trained by Clive Brittain, who has won this race twice in the past decade. The selection returned home a sick horse after disappointing in the Prix Morny last August but has made a full recovery.

4.15: Speed To Lead has had her fair share of problems, having raced only three times in two years, but Henry Cecil's handicap debutant looks well treated judged on two placed efforts last term. However, in a near impossible handicap, it may be worth taking the risk that the improved form shown by Opera Buff on the allweather will continue on the turf. Gay Kelleway's runner won three times on the dirt but is on a stone lower handicap mark here.

RICHARD EVANS





Carl Evans: 3.30 Hermes Harvest. GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

2.20 EQUESTRALITE NOVICES CHASE (£3,602: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

2.55 WEATHERBYS NOVICES HURDLE

(£3,956: 2m 1f) (25)

1 8215 AROUND THE BALE 39 (BF.D.S) D Gandolfo 5-11-5 M Duvyer 95
2 1302 GAROLO 16 (BF.S) C Brooks 6-11-5 P Hole 92
3 41 HEADWIND 27 (B) J Gibbot 5-11-5 P Hole 92
4 0315 LORD MCAMEROUGH 36 (S) J Newfile 6-11-5 R Farrant 71
5 2945 TIGHT FIST 41 (D,F) Miss H Rolgit 6-11-5 M A PIOSSAM 71
6 23th YOUSETTERBELEVET 7 (D C Brooks 7-11-5 M A P McCoy 84
7 0 BLANCHLAND 14 P Righter 7-11-0 R Greene 9
0 DOMEROUGH 4 R Bustles 5-11-0 R Greene 9
10 0 EDEN ROC 81 B De Hean 6-11-3 C Roc (7) —
11 0 FRED JEFFEY 54 A Turnel 7-11-0 Michael Bromma (7) —
12 -030 GOMERNOR DAMEL 22 J O'Shop 5-11-0 Michael Bromma (7) —
13 4P LIBERTRANN 84 O Sherwood 6-11-0 J A McCorthy —
14 4P LIBERTRANN 84 O Sherwood 6-11-0 J A McCorthy —
15 024 MRLERSCORD 27 N Gassion 5-11-0 S Wyman 1
16 4 OATS ALDET 28 T Forsite 5-11-0 S Wyman 5-11-0 PEMBROUGE PLACE 36 G Johnson Houghton 5-11-0 J Timenin 89
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3.30 HOWARD E PERRY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,866; 4m 1f) (14)

(Amazinus: 92,866: 4m ii) (14)

1 6871 HERMES HARVEST 11 (F.6) D Williams B-12-7 C Borner (3) (8)
2 -151 HOLLAND HOUSE 21 (F.6.5) P Caminos 10-12-7 C Vigoris (5) 96
3 21-3 CATCHAPERNY 11P (B.6.5) W Tebroph 11-12-3 W Tebroph (7) 76
4 PRIZE FRANCIO 9 (8F.6) F Frome 11-12-3 — C West (7) 75
5 PS-P BULE DANIEL TY (G.F.S) S Alex 12-12-0. Andrew Marin (7) 96
6 PROF CLARE MAN 19 (F.6.5) N Testron-Doniel 8-12-0 — A Bading (7) 96
7 P. LONESUME TRAVELLET 129 (F.5) Min M Hard 7-12-0.
8 (62. NEARLY SPLENDIO 25P (CD.F.6.5) S Severs 11-12-0 T Great (7) 6-2
9 -UP3 NEW MELL TRUES 11 (G.S) Mins S COM 13-12-0 — P Scott (7) 6-3
10 -436 PACOTS BOY 14 (F.6.5) R York 11-12-0 — P Scott (7) 6-3
11 -506 PROFESSIR LONGHURT 19 (F.6) Mins C Hods 9-12-0 R Nicks (7) 53
12 -222 SPACE MAN 25P (5) Mins S J Cree 15-12-0 — Niss D Oxion (7) 53
13 FP-5 TERCA 9 (S) A Christophen 11-12-0 — Niss D Oxion (7) 53
14 -005 WOODLANDS GENERIE 9 (V.F.) P Printered (1) -13 |
19 Printered (7) 53

9-4 Holland House, 5-2 Herman Harvest, 5-1 Clare Man, 10-1 Nearly Splendid, 14-1 Londonna Travelker, Faringo, 20-1 others.

### 4.00 LYNX EXPRESS HANDICAP HURDLE

TRAINFRS

(£5,407; 2m 5i 110yd) (15) 9-2 Sun Surter, 6-1 Hops And Pops, 7-1 Castle Secret, 8-1 Meinet, Forest Feether, Journy's Cross, 10-1 Smoggler's Point, 12-1 others.

4.35 HOLMAN CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,720: 2m 110yd) (7)

2.1. 201. MEDINAS BINAN SOME 18 (D.G.S) R Hodges 8-12-0 A Tory 98
2 LISOO SPREE GROSS 18 (D.G.S) MIS D Haber 10-12-0... G Bradley 88
3 4-50 SURE METAL 18 (D.F.G.S) D McCale 13-11-9... D McCale 4
4 1444 MISTER 00074 (D.G.S) J Marg 10-11-9... M A Fitzgerald 96
5 4633 JAMES THE RRST 4 (D.F.G.S) P Nicholts 8-11-4 A P McCay 95
6 21P1 SPRIGHOS TES 9 (D.F.G.S) R Dickin 11-10-0......... R Bellamy 97
7 1325 DR ROCKET 2 (D.F.G.S) 8 Dickin 11-10-0................ R Bellamy 97 2-1 Medines Steps Song, 5-2 Spinning Steel, 4-1 James The First, 6-1 Mister Doby, 7-1 Sprea Cross, 14-1 Dr Hocket, 25-1 Sare Matal.

5.10 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,217: 2m 5i 110yd) (25) 

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: D. Nicholson, 37 witness from 194 nations, 19.1%; O. Shervood, 12 from 71, 16.9%; T. Forster, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J. Giston, 20 from 133, 15.0%; N. Twiston-Davies, 33 from 223, 14.8%; G. Harwood, 3 from 21, 14.3%. SCHOULDE, S. JUHI ET, 19.5%.
SUCKEYS: A Tory, 10 winners from 27 order, \$7.0%; R Darwoody, 45 inco 232, 19.4%; A P MicCoy, 10 from 52, 19.2%; D Bridgenier, 14 from 110, 12.7%, M Deeper, 9 from 72, 12.5%; P Hide, 6 from 58, 10.3%. SUNKERED FIRST TIME: Portishact: 4.25 Absolute Ruler, My Handsome Prince: 5.30 Oeldury

## 26N FERANCE THUNDERER

2.45 Fan Of Vent-Axia. 3.20 Sweet Nature. 3.50 Axford. 4.25 Raindeer Quest. 5.00 Threesome. 5.30 Quiliwork. 6.00 Don Vito. GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.45 STRAWBERRY HULL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,996: 51) (12 runners) 9-2 Mentous Ricc, 5-1 Fan Of Veol-Ariz, For Old Times Sale, 6-1 Seino, 7-1 Foot Bellelion, 8-7 Classic Partygoor, Wall For Rosie, 10-7 others.

 $3.20\,\mathrm{Racing}$  channel fillies handicap (3-Y-0: £5,754: 6f) (16)

9-2 Splicing, 6-1 Charactery Brids, 13-2 Songes, 7-1 Cagasulu, Royal Cellich, 8-1 Erar Suntas, Sweet Heises, 10-1 others. 3.50 LADY BALK MAIDEN STAKES

(Div I: £3,176: 1m 2f 6yd) (12) 

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANKERS: B Hambury, 8 winners from 27 names. 29.6%; M Stouta. 8 larm 29, 27.6%; J Duniop, 8 from 34, 23.5%; M Ryan, 4 from 17, 23.5%; Mcs. J Cacil, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J Gosden, 7 from 30, 23.3%. JOCKEYS: K Pation, 29 winners from 146 notes. 19.2%, Alex Greaves, 3 kmm 22, 13.6%; M Tethodi, 3 from 24, 12.5%; J Carnol, 10 from 66, 11.6%; K Darley, 18 from 162, 11.1%; J Fortuna, 11 from 104, 10.6%,

# 5.00 WEFT GATE LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,469: 1m 4yd) (7) 1 1- ARABUM STORY 272 (F) Lord Huntleopton 8-11 T less 2 2 354- CHEERFILL ASPECT 187 E Denion 8-11 K Fellon 7 3 40-0 TOO HASTY 9 (F) I Easterly 8-11 M Brich 5 5 210- LUVELY PROSPECT 187 (S) R Grees 8-8 J Cerroli 1 5 210- LUVELY PROSPECT 187 (S) R Grees 8-8 L Cerroli 1 6 803- TASLIVA 170 J Dunion 8-8 L Daniel 7 7 352- THREESOME 204 L Cerroni 8-8 0 Litching 3 5-2 Tenesome, 4-1 Cheerful Aspect, 9-2 Lovely Prospect, 5-1 others, 5.30 GARFORTH HANDICAP (£3,470: 1m 2f 6yd) (19) 4-1 Carito Brigante, 5-1 Locorotondo, 11-2 Decemiestion, 6-1 Caritosok, 7-1 Caburcel News, Segala, 10-1 Battleship Brace, 12-1 others. 6.00 LADY BALK MAIDER STAKES

(Div II: £3,176: 1m 2f 6yd (11)

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# Colour code taxes United's grey matter

considered a sport when its players wear pink polyester trousers. But the argument is losing its force as football players are now almost as badly turned out as golfers.

Matters came to a head on Manchester United away-kit drama. Having worn just about every colour in the yellow trim, yellow-and-green squares, and blue and white they came up with a real wow.

Dead sexy, eh? The John Major strip. It was designed not for football but to look cool with jeans. And the footballers hated it. Desperate times require desperate measures. Three goals down at half-time on Saturday, they changed shirts, back to the old blueand-white job. They still lost, but at least they knew who to



Alex Ferguson, the United manager, had approved the knows-what piteous agonies in the dressing-room. And he, quixotically, attempted to defend the change on purely rational grounds. "You can't pick people out at a distance. Players just blend into the

The argument falls down when you reflect that Manchester United's huge marketing operation aims to sell replica Manchester United shirts to everyone in the whole world. A match at Old Trafford is played by men in red shirts against a back-ground of 50,000 people, all in

If you were to choose a colour purely for its optical benefits, there would be only one choice - white. If I may put on my safari hat (green) for the next couple of paragraphs. I will explain why.

Because of the arrangement of rods and cones in the eye. your peripheral vision is particularly good at picking out movement, less good at seeing colour. Most of our fellow mammals lack colour vision altogether, but they are very sharp indeed at picking up

Watch an antelope or a rabbit run away from you. What do you see? A flashing



because it is the easiest to pick up. especially at the edge of your vision. Moral: when you go on safari with me. don't wear white. The game will spot us a mile off.

The same rule holds good for football. If you want to be aware of flying colleagues on the edge of your vision, to have what commentators call "great awareness", remember that the whiter they are, the easier they are to spot. Now the obvious conclusion

to draw from all this is that Leeds United are the finest passing side in the FA Carling Premiership, so we are forced to the conclusion that there are colour for a football shirt and United, on the tess of a coin, have won the right to wear it against Liverpool in the FA Cup Final. It is chosen for psychological rather than physiological reasons: its association with aggression, pomp,

triumph and blood.

The traditional football shirt was designed to give an advantage to its wearer, the present shirts are designed to give an advantage to their seller. Footballing considerations are remote from the minds of strip-designers. You can't even read the numbers at Newcastle or Southampton. Clothes are part of what a

both codes, players want to give an impression of overwhelming bulk. You would therefore expect rugby players to favour horizontal stripes, to emphasise massive chests and shoulders - an elementary optical illusion - and that is why rugby players wear hooped shirts.

n football, bulk is not as important as height. Vertical stripes make you look taller. Footballers mainly prefer stripes to hoops. Les Ferdinand, bearing down on the goalkeeper on Sunday in black-and-white stripes, looked like a rampaging giant.

in the ghastly grey this season is four losses and a draw in five games — the grey strip has cost them 14 points. When I played for the mighty Gwai-loong team in Hong Kong, we always wore all white because white is the Chinese funeral colour. Oppo-

is not whether a thing is true, but whether it is believed.

Manchester United players

believe their grey strip is unlucky and the belief has

become a self-fulfilling proph-

ecv. Their Premiership record

nents hated it. Worth a goal start, it was. Everyone whinges about

Umbro for ripping off the supporters. Agreed, it is all highly distasteful, but hear a plain fact: it is not compulsory to buy a Manchester United shirt. Good old United are bringing out not one, not two. but three new strips next season. There will be a new red strip for home games, the blue-and-white will be phased out halfway through, and now the John Major strip will be

replaced by a white one. Good move. Chinese sides will have no chance against them, the supporters will still look cool in jeans and players will have phenomenal awareness. Don't wear the damn things on safari, that's all.

# RADIO CHOICE Coward's eye view of life

Noci Coward — From His Diaries. Radio 4, 8.05pm.

Among Simon Cadell's bequests to us are happy memories of his Among Simon Cadell's bequests to us are happy memories of his beleaguered holiday camp entertainments manager in Hi-De-Hi-I beleaguered holiday camp entertainments manager in Hi-De-Hi-I beleaguered holiday camp entertainments manager in Hi-De-Hi-I beleaguered holiday camp entertainments manager in this post-instead on He was vocally non-imitative of the master, concentrating instead on He was vocally non-imitative of the master, concentrating instead on He was vocally non-imitative of the master, concentrating instead on his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly with cambe his sophisticated spirit.

Voices: Thomas Quasthoff. Radio 3, 10.15pm.

A couple of weeks ago, thanks to Radio 3, we were memorably A couple of weeks ago, thanks to Radio 3, we were memorably reminded why, in January, a Wigmore Hall audience clapped their hands sore and cheered themselves hoarse, and why the more discerning critics ran out of superlatives. What united audience and critics was the Wigmore Hall debut of Thomas Quasthoff, the critics was the Wigmore Hall debut of Thomas Quasthoff, the German baritone. Tonight's recording is of the recital's second half, songs by Wolf and Richard Strauss. Charles Spencer accompanied him. This is a 30-minute recording. The reason we hear only above 25. songs by Wolf and Richard Strauss. Chairs on we hear only about 25 him. This is a 30-minute recording. The reason we hear only about 25 him. This is a 30-minute recording. The reason we hear only about 25 him. This is a 30-minute recording. The reason we hear only about 25 him. This is a 30-minute recording. The reason we hear only about 25 him.

Chris Evens 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Jo incl at 12.30-12.45pm at 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Goodier, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Alan Parker — Road Warnor 10.00 Mark Raddille 12.00 Wendy Lloyd

#### RADIO 2

7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pt Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 9.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 8.00 Buegrass Ramble (3/4) 8.30 Leaders Tapes (4/4) 9.00 Cajun Clubhouse (5/6) 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden, Incl. Pause for Thought 3.00 Alea Lester

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

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#### WORLD SERVICE

5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Megantix 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shell 8.30 Discovery 9.00 8.15 Off the Shifts 4.39 Linscowey swin-News in German 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10,15 Andly Kershaw10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off-the Shelf 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30bm Newscest 11.30 Sec. Engain 71.43 Cit. the Shelf 12.00 Newscest 12.30pm: Thirty-Minute. Drama 1.00 News to German 1.30 Composer of the Month 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Cutlook 3.30 Megamox 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News German 5.00 Empre 1.04w 5.34 Rusness 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.10 World Today 6.25 Science View 6.30 News in German 7.00 Newsdesk 9.30 Multitrack X Press T0.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britan Today 10.30 Mendian 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30. World Today 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.10em Science View 12.15 Country Style 12.30 Multitrack X Press 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From Ou-Own Corresponders 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Word of Faith 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Mendian 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor Byrd (Mass for Four Voices): Delius (Cello Concerto); Vivald: (Violini Concerto in G, Op 7 No 8); Lisz (Pretude and Fugue on Kiss, Op 36 No 1), Gershwit

(Second Rhapsody)
9.00 Morning Collection, with
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Concerto) 10.00 Musical Encounters.
Presented by Piers BurtonPage Adist of the Week:
Charles Groves conducts the
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Grace Williams (Fantasia on Wetsh Nursery Tunes) 10.12 Charpentier (Medee, Act 3); Shostakovich (Scherzo, Op 1); Haydn (Piano Sonata in C. H XVI 48);

(Fraits Software (Fraits), Prokoviev (Dreams); Smirnov (Sonata for flute and harp); Shostakovich (Scherzo, Op 7); Delius (Sea Drift); 12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy, Includes excerpts from Patiesas et Malisande starring Genous Shirley Lever. starring George Shirley, lenor, and Elisabeth Soderstrom,

soprano
1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime
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One, Pebble Mill, Mayumi
Seiler, violin, and Caroline Palmer, piano. Britten (Suite, Op 6); Besthoven Violin Sonata in G Op 96) 2.00 Schools Together 2.20 Time and Tune 2.40 Drama Workshop 3.00 Midweek Choice, presented

4.00 Choral Evensong, from the Chapel of Claire College in

Janice Forsyth 5.15 In Tune, Duperc (Au pays ou se fait la guene); Haydn (Piano Trio in F. H XV 17)

6.00 BBC Rush Hour Con live from the Wigmore Hall in London. The Gould Piano Trio unth Philip Dukes, viola, and Dominic Sells, double bass. Beethoven (Variations on Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu); Schubert (Plano Quintet in A.

7.30 Pages from a Notebook. A selection of pieces from Bach's large

Bach's lamily music album
7.45 Acts and Galatee, by
Handel, Live from the Ocieen
Elizabeth Hall in London Elizabeth Hall in London Barbara Bonney, soprano, Hans Peter Blochwitz, tenor, Rutus Muller, tenor, and Jeremy White, bass, with the Choir and Orchestra of the English Concert under Trevor Pinnock 8.35 An English Eccentric 8.55 Part 2 9.55 Emotion Pictures, by Wirn Wenders (3/5)

Wenders (3/5) 10.15 Voices, See Choice 10.45 Night Waves, with Richard Coles

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Georg Muffat (r)
12.30-1.50am Jazz Notes with
Digby Fairweather

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing Incl weather 6.10 Ferming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today Incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

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part sitcom, by Clive Coleman, about the questionable practices of a group of barristers With John Bird, James Fleet and Lesley Sharp 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

Clarke 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; London Particulars.

The second of a two-part Victorian detective thriller by John Pescock, With Todd Carty and Charles Simpson 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope new cinema rejeases

including Twelve Monkeys and Smoke 4.45 Short Story: Hilda's Lark, by Michael Carson, Read by David Timson 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.56 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Counterpoint, with Ned Sherin (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Science and Wonders. In a society where we have a greater understanding of the human brain, is there room for the religious language of 8.05 Noel Coward — From His Diaries. See Choice 8.35: Key Witness. Sir Frank Roberts discusses with Alan Watson his involvement with Roberts discusses with Alan

British foreign policy in Europe from 1930-68 (1/3) 9.00 Costing the Earth. Mark Whitlaker looks at the

relationship between technology and the people charged with protecting the environment 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The
Devil's Own Work, by Alan

Judd (3/5) (r)

11.00 Seymour the Fractal Cat.
The comedy adventure by
Gary Parker. With Greg
Proops and John Hegley (2/5):

11.30 We Know Everything (FM
only) The solutions to queries
revealed by Dan Gaster and
Paul Poweli (r)

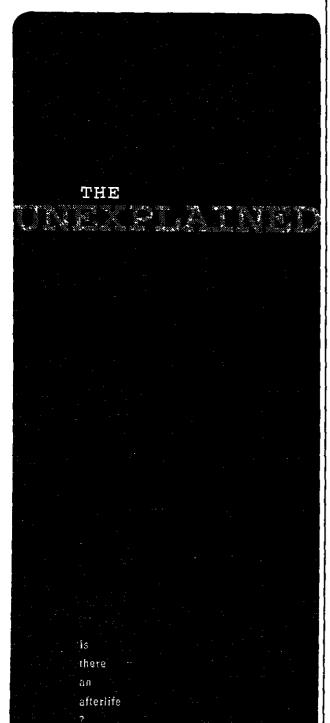
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first of a six-part cornedy of connections by Ben Moor, With Mirriam Margoyles, Dan Sirauss, Kerry Shale, Michael Similars and Gary Walcholm

12.00 News Incl 12.27am weather
12.30 The Late Book: Kitchen, by Banana Yoshimoto. Head by Emily Woolf (3/5) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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#### Hall wins in adversity DARREN HALL, trying to throat, feeling giddy and see-

follow England's bronze in the team event with another medal in the men's singles, overcame flu, some controversial officiating and the most dangerous floater in the draw to reach the second round of the European badminton championships here in Herning, Denmark, yesterday (Richard Eaton writes).

The former European champion, from Essex, who is the No 3 seed in the event, beat Pontus Jantti, the world No 30 from Finland, 15-12, 15-8, but he needed to see the doctor as soon as the contest was over. "I woke up with a sore

ing black stars. I was very worried," Hall said. He found himself 12-6 down in the first game and was struggling when an incident in which he appeared to be wrongly penalised for touching the net with his racket paradoxically worked in his favour. His angry protest earned him a warning from the umpire, but it also acted as extra motivation. "The adrenalin came into my system and I felt better

Anne Gibson, the first Scot

after that," he said.

to be seeded in the European women's singles, withdrew with a knee injury.

WORD-WATCHING

HAROTAII.

(c) American Wild West slang for a mule. "Hardtails are mules, usually old ones. So named because they show little response to the skinner's whip. Young mules are shavetails." NIBUNG (b) A Malaysian palm, Oncosperma filamentosa. "We made very good

curry: stewing it with the heart of a nibung or cabbage tree. KEATING (a) The proprietary name of an insect powder. An eponym of Thomas

Keating, the 19th-century chemist who invented the stuff to make cockroaches turn over and point their legs at the sky. "I am in England. I shall sleep in a clean white bed, and I shall not have to use Keating." (c) A hyperbolic navigation system employing the difference in the times of arrival of pulsed radio signals from different stations. An acronym made from initial letters of long-range navigation, "'Get a Loran fix.' Peter Spence had his face glued into the rubber eyepiece of the Loran. He counted the jumping electric lines and the long-number blips. He then

transferred his eyes to the Loran map."

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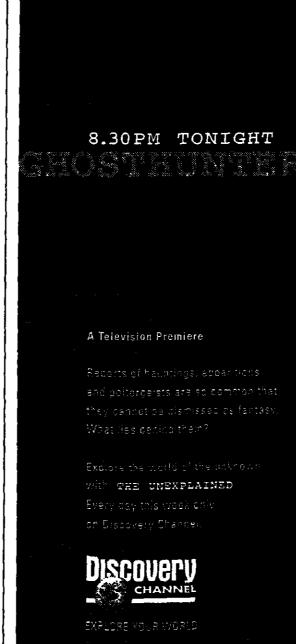
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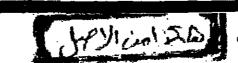
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(Channel 4), he gave out those yes-

no 0891 numbers as if to say "But

that's enough from me. Those Greeks believed in democracy!

Now this was in fact a cunning

twist to that wonderful old ideal of

democracy that the Greeks dreams

up. Because, in case you didn't see

it. Stewart's "Fifteen to One Spe-

cial" was a thorough, reasoned

plea in favour of cultural restitu-

tion, with all potential objections

neatly answered and dispatched.

In the course of an hour, the case

for retaining the Marbles was

made only twice: by Sir David

Wilson losing his temper in an old

and by Lord Inglewood of Heri-

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) 13543)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7908982)

9.45 Kilroy (s) (1068475) 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s)

12.00 News (Caefax), regional news and weather (6761185)

12.05pm Room for Improvement. Includes a

12.35 Going for Gold with Henry Ketly, today celebrating his 50th birthday (s)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (16630) 1.30 Regional News and weather (94332630)

2.00 Snowy River — the McGregor Saga (r)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (1580388) 3.50 The Silver Brumby (s) (1584104) 4.15 Funnybones (r) (s) (5254833) 4.20 Jonny Briggs (r) (Ceefax) (6482253) 4.35 Rugrats (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9379185)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1882036)

5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (1071340

6.30 Regional News magazines (104)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (351369)

6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Ceetax) and weather

7.00 Relatively. Speaking. Gordon Burns hosts the family game show. (Ceefax) (s)

7.30 Here and Now. Sue Lawley and the team

8.00 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen and

present hard-hitting investigations (Ceetax) (s) (388)

Carol Smillie return with the show that pays tribute to acts of courage and kindness by unsung heroes. Today Lord

Rix and Sue Cook help to perform the elaborate ruses which lure the

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (44441494)

church (s) (8549475)

look at the house in Northern Ireland

which claims to contain treland's smallest

6.00am Business Breaklast (82272)

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unsuspecting winners to the studio to collect their awards. (Ceefax) (s) 8.50 Points of View. (Ceetax) (s) (706833) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetax) regional news and weather (2814) Madson with lan McShane (Ceefax) (s) (233659)

10.20 Sportsnight. Introduced by Tony Gubba, with Trevor Brooking. Football: highlights of Manchester United v Leeds United at Old Trafford and Newcastle United at home to Southampton; Snooker: a profile of John Higgins who is second favourite behind fellow Scot Stephen Hendry to take this year's World

11.40 FILM: Flashback (1990) with Kiefer Sutherland and Dennis Hopper. A young radical he is assigned to escort scross California to [all. During the journey the captive regales his fellow traveller with stories of the Swinging Sixties. Directed by Franco Amurii (Ceefax) (s) (645833) 1.25am Weather (7621505)

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Hands up, who'd like to lose their marbles? his morning we should know the result of an interknow the result of vote. proposed, a whiff of rodent stayed Would Britons restore the Elgin my eager hand. "Jeremy Paxman wouldn't approve of this," I told Marbles to the Parthenon? At the end of William G. Stewart's Without Walls programme last night

myself, firmly. Which was reason enough (as always). So today an overwhelming telephone vote may suggest that the British will give the Marbles back. while actually proving nothing of the sort. Personally I agree with Stewart on this issue, but that homely phrase "own worst enemy" applied to this programme, as it so frequently does to this compulsively lark-driven series. What was the lark last night? Well, of course, place Stewart in his regular Fifteen to One studio, where he is a game show host, with busts of Greek gods in place of contestants! Reduce the issue to question-andanswer! Present the proceedings in a flatly lit long-shot of Stewart's double-breasted blazer! Mercifully, at least the Greek gods did not take part in a knockout quiz -

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4689630)

7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceefax) (34036)

8.00 The Lowdown (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1202036) 8.25 Wishing (r) (s) (1226302)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (6753291)

2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5970272)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7636630) 3.05 Westminster (7626765) 3.55 News (Ceefax) (2863104) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (807)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Night Terrors. Guests have suffered horrific dreams. (Ceetax) (s) (1936861)

5.40 A Week to Remember (b/w) (884272)

5.50 More Secret Gardens: Upper Grotto

6.00 Star Traic The Next Generation

6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century: Flight of the War Witch (1) (829494)

7.30 East: The Hidden Troubles (Ceefax) (s) (630)

8.00 University Challenge: Selwyn College, Cambridge v the London School of Economics in the first semi-final. (Ceefax)

8.30 Home Front. Ten top tips to help to sell

fron in the bedroom and Linda Barker's Finishing Touch (Ceetax) (s) (9746)

Ellen with her mother (9.00om)

of child abuse (Ceefax) (s) (8727)

10.00 Steptoe and Son. Classic comedy (r)

10.30 Newsnight. With Peter Snow (Ceefax)

11.15 Murder One. Chapter Seven. A high-profile court case viewed from inside and

12.00 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil

(a) (6164)

12.30am Open University: Duccio — the Rucellal Madonna (47586) 1.00 Ruming the Country: Global Media (94654) 2.00 Night School: Modern Languages:

German Collection (45963) 4.00 BBC Focus: Benefits Agency Today (46505) - 4.30 Disability Today (65429) 5.00 Voluntary Sector Television (56079)

outside the courtroom (r) (Ceetax) (s)

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(s) (61654)

Modern Times: Ellen's in Exile. About an alleged victim

Road, Twickenham. This patch of garden is the size of a double garage and

was designed with advancing age and

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (901)

arthritis in mind (120843)

(Ceefax) (s) (781475)

8.40 The Record (8429017)

2.00 Wishing (r) (13799140)

perhaps because, in the usual uncooperative manner of Greek statuary, some of them were facing the wrong way.

/ Stewart's only weak argument was his emotional appeal. If Hitler had stolen Nelson's Column and erected it in Berlin, we would demand its return, wouldn't we? Remember Nelson's Column, he urged us. But try getting worked up about this hypothetical, try shaking your fist in the direction of Berlin, and you will find it does not

Testerday afternoon The Lowdown (BBCI) concerned a young would-be magician called Keelan Leyser, At one point, he consulted David Berglas, the president of the Magic Circle, and Berglas performed a trick. "Name any card," said Berglas. Leyser chose the six of hearts. Berglas cast a full pack of cards on to the table, and the six of





hearts jumped out. "How did you do that?" asked the wide-eyed youth. "Very well." came the reply. It was a nice moment, but its smart evasion kept haunting me as the evening progressed. Both The Works and The Technophobe's Guide to the Future (both BBC2) seemed frustratingly low on explanation, even though intended for

intelligent viewers. "How do they

do that?" I kept asking: to the

enough." Perhaps I was misled by the title of The Works, but in this first of a new series of arts-y documentaries, the story concerned a dangerously flawed office block in Manhattan - Citicorps and it seemed quite crucial to ascertain, you know, why it was in danger of falling down. Especially if, when it fell, it was predicted to initiate a domino effect, knocking down skyscrapers all the way to

reply. "Oh, you know, well

But by the end of half an hour, I just knew that "How did they do that?" was "Dangerously". The physics were still a mystery. But then, to be fair, the physics seemed mysterious to the people who'd built it, too. Engineer William LeMessurier explained how he had subsequently worked out the wind factor required to knock down the building, and calculated it occurred every 16 years. "I'm 52," he said; "it could happen in my

lifetime." This was a surprise not midnight in a vest. But All Fall only for its selfish logic, but because the poor bloke looked 70 if

s if determined not to tip A over in a wind itself, All Fall Down was a rather stolid documentary. Just as the physics were missing, so was drama, which was odd. I mean, for heaven's sake, these men were faced at one point with the decision to "own up" and evacuate an enormous area in the most famous city in the world. Hurricane Elia approached, the clock ticked on the wall, the repair-work spot-welding on the building was only half done, and down below New Yorkers blithely hailed cabs, raised umbrellas, and ate cheesecake, unaware of the disaster movie unfolding above their heads.

I'm not saying The Works should have employed a sooty-but-brave Bruce Willis, welding at

Down was oddly lacking in narrative excitement; it was almost dreamlike. Last autumn's documentary series The Limit (BBC2) tackled similar engineering stories to much greater effect. Perhaps the problem here was that the engineers were still pole-axed from the

Finally, The Technophobe's Guide to the Future is a lively magazine with youthful, big-personality presenters who test new techno products rather than explain how they work. But it is enjoyable, and it has statistics. Apparently 650,000 people in Britain have home cinema systems. One such, visited by Dominik Diamond, had spent £33,000 on n. "You can buy a lot of things for £33,000," said Diamond. "A very good car, an extremely poor centre forward, or 165,000 bags of crisps." An admirable effort, I thought, to get the thing in perspective.

CHOICE

East: The Hidden Troubles 6.00am Open University: Maths (7509630) 6.25 Light in Search of a Model (7528765) 6.50 Handel's Messiah BBC7. 7.30nm

Daljit Dhaliwal, an increasingly familiar presence on Channel 4's excellent news, reports from Northern Ireland on the racism suffered by the Province's Asians. She is not suggesting that it parallels the 25 years of hostilities between the two main white communities, but Ulster's ethnic minority has grown to some 15,000 and it is increasingly subject to abuse and attack. Nor can it claim the protection of the Race Relations Act. When the measure was passed in 1976 there was no perceived need for it outside the British mainland. Among those appearing in Dhaliwal's film are a Chinese restaurant owner forced into hiding in England after repeated attacks, two Pakistani families whose houses have been set on fire and a young victim of racial bullying in the school playground.

Channel 4, 8,30pm The travel series for the young and intrepid visits three provinces of southwest China in the company of Justine Shapiro. Gallantly abandoning home comforts, she endures a three-hour journey by horse and cart, and another two hours on foot, to say hello to a remote hill tribe making its first television appearance. Since this part of China was pened to Western tourists only in 1984, the lack of exposure might not be surprising. Elsewhere Shapiro is game enough to explore cultural differences, even if this means eating dog meat or submitting to acupuncture. In Chengdu, capital of the largest Chinese province Sichuan, she samples the liveliest nightlife in China" (though you wonder how she knows). It sounds promising but seems to offer nothing more exciting than an antiques market.

Modern Times: Ellen's in Exile BBC2. 9.00pm

Six years ago Stephen Lambert made the sort of documentary which you do not easily forget. Called Hilary's in Hiding, it charted a bitter custody battle over a young American girl. Her mother, a plastic surgeon, accused her father, a dentist, of molesting the child and raping her. Hilary is now called Ellen and Lambert's new film brings the painful story up to date. Frustrated by the American Ellen's mother sent her to New Zealand to escape the father's clutches. He has always maintained his innocence and continues to fight the case step by step. Now Ellen wants to end her involuntary exile but her legal position in the United States is uncertain. She is adamant that she does not want to see her father. The case has gone as far as Congress, where a Bill is being discussed that would allow Ellen to come

Madson BBC1, 9.30pm

The unlikely premise of what promises to be an enjoyable series is that a convicted murderer can come out of prison with a law degree and make a new career in the legal profession. The twist is that John Peter Madson (Ian McShane) has always denied killing his wife and is determined to find our who did. Blocking his way are a couple of bent coppers determined to rub him out before he gets to the truth. Although a sub-plot gives Madson a dying son to add to the tragedy of his murdered wife, the overall tone is, surprisingly, far from dark. The script by lan Kennedy Martin establishes a resourceful hero who can usually get what he wants by cutting corners and knowing the right people. Some may see echoes of that other jailbird. Lovejoy, though Madson has a shorter and tidier haircut. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (6250956)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (Teletext) (7916901) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6730340) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2343833)

10.35 This Morning (44143833) 12.20pm Regional News (Telelext) (6767369) 12,30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (3686630)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3601949) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (5827291) 2.00 Home and Away.(Teletext) (s) (54530456)

2.25 Chain Letters. Word game. (Teletext) (s) 2.50 Vanessa. (Telefext) (s) (4888765) 3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7643920) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7642291)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (8788475) 3.40
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the Dream Being (7592630) 4.00
Garfield and Friends (2785307) 4.20
How 2 (r) (s) (6491901) 4.40
Spellbinder (Teletaxt) (5269765)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6922942) 5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Telelext) (s) (920) 6.25 HTV News with Bruce Hockin and Sue King. (Teletext) (422494)



All girls together (6.50pm)

6.50 Coronation Street. Liz tries to cheer up

7.20 Champions League Panathinaikos v Ajax. The Greek champions provided the shock of the tournament when they secured a 1-0 win in Amsterdam (85990833)

9.30 Mr Bean Rides Again. Atkinson's comic creation (r) (s) (16543) 10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (605369) 10.40 in Suspicious Circumstances. Edward Woodward presents dramatisations of two real-life tales of murder, mystery and revenge (r) (Teletext) (s) (164340)

11.40 Champions League Highlights {510497\ female voyeurs (988437)

12.15am God's Gift. For male poseurs and 1.15 Dear Nick Dr Nick Fisher meets a

survivor of sexual abuse (977321) 2.15 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (8928586) 2.40 TTV Sport Classics (5628215) 3.10 Murder, She Wrote: Murder Takes the Bus starring Angela Lansbury and

Garrett Morris (r) (5001760) 4.00 Coach. American comedy (s) (33031) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (96925) 5.00 Cover Story. The impact of the

deregulation of gambling (s) (71128) 5.30 ITN Morning News (99437). Ends at As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-6.50 Wales Tonight (422494)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.55 Coronation Street (3601949) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (79027185) 1.55 Home and Away (68127340) 2.25 Variessa (54533543)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6767320) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6922942) 6.00-6.50 Westcountry Live (769253)

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2.50-3.20 Our House (4888765) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6922942) 6.25-6.50 Central News and Weather

12.15am The Making of Broken Arrow (19895) 12.45 Bushell on the Box (8115654) 2.15 Dear Nick (7708079) 3.10 in Focus (5027708) 3.55 Jobfinder (1068963)

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6.35 Fifteen to One (8576982) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (32663) 9.00 The Golden Girls (86814)

9.30 Film: Boy Meets Girl (33253) 11.00 Tears of the Dragon (82104) 12.00 House to House (31938) 12.30pm Wowser (34949)

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2.25 Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket

4.30 Classic Trucks (369) 5.00 5 Pump; Ceffagati (8003185) 5.15 5 Pump: Pfell (1854253) 5.30 Fifteen to One (949)

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9.00 Encounters: Mad Dogs and Englishwomen (6123) 10.00 Brookside (81497)

10.30 E.R. (52291) 11.30 Cybill (98746) 12.00 Nightsports (4662470) 6.35am Fifteen to One (r). (Teletext) (s) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (32663)

9.00 The Golden Girls. Dorothy sends her mother to a retirement home. Starring Bea Arthur and Estelle Getty (r). (Teletext)

9.30 FILM: Boy Meets Girl (1938, b/w). A comedy staming James Cagney and Pat O'Brien. Lloyd Bacon directs (33253) 11.00 Tears of the Dragon. The first of a three-

part examination of the pressures on China's environment after Mao's reforms (r). (Teletext) (82104) 12.00 House to House (31938) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (18104) 1.30 Madeline (r) (s) (68140291)

1.55 Jimmy's (r). (Teletext) (s) (68125982) 2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.15 races (64386098) 4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (369)

5.00 Ricki Lake. Topical discussion series. (Teletext) (s) (5117331) 5.45 Terrytoons with Deputy Dawg (892291)

6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen comedy (r). (Teletext) (s) (336123) 6.25 Home Improvement. American comedy series about the host of a television do-ityourself show. (Teletext) (s) (311814)

6.55 Murun Buchstansangur (174630) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Telelext) (698611) 7.55 The Stot (931272)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (5307)



Chinese hill tribe girls (8.30pm)

Lonety Planet. Justine Shapiro visits three provinces of south-west China. (Teletext) (s) (4814) 9.00 Dispetches New evidence to support base for state-sponsored terrorism in the

9.45 Four-Mations: Great British Animation. Abductees, Paul Vester's animation about people who believe thay have been abducted by UFOs (961494) 10.00 ER. American medical drama series (Teletext) (s) (6982)

11.00 Friends. The first of double feature in which the cast are joined by those from the American str-com Mad About You (r). (Teletext) (s) (7369)

11.30 Cheers. Cliff the postman is bitten by a dog on his rounds and his bar-room pals urge him to sue. But when the owner turns up to apologise, she turns out to be an attractive woman who is prepared to do anything to get him to drop the legal suit (r). (Teletext) (s) (98746)

12.00 Nightsports. Gary Imlach introduces another through-the-night feast of sport including studio guests, phone-Ins and live action from one of the top National Ice Hockey League play-offs for the Stanley Cup (4662470). Ends at 6.00am

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7.00mm Undum (66659) 9.80 Press Your Luck. (8495901) 9.20 Love Connection (662630) 9.46 The Oprah Wintrey Show (2005956) 10.40 Jeopardyl (2600830) 11.10 Salty Jessy Rephred (9116562) 12.00 Beachyl (66562) 1.00pm Hotel (42982) 2.00 Geraido (20069) 9.00 Count TV (4456) 3.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (5570678) 4.15 Undum (9127727) 5.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (8036) 6.00 The Simpones (2721) 6.30 Jeopardyl (5307) 7.00 LAPD (9765) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (5291) 8.00 Space: Above and Beyond (12765) 9.00 The Outer Limits (92901) 10.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (59348) 11.00 Melrose Piace (79123) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (7155566) 12.46sam The Trials of Rosis O'Nelli (6179924) 1.30 Anything But Rosis O'Nelli (6179924) 1.30 Anything But

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Boutton (86974), 7.30 Sportsime (86543)
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Adam Boutton Replay (57854) 2.30
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(95302) 5.30 ABC World News Tonight
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4.00pm Anchors Aweigh (1945) (14127746) 6.20 The Hostags Tower (1990) (11206727) 8.00 Stardast Memo-ries (1980) (83291) 10.00 Nuns on the Run (1980) (832833) 11.40 1984 (1984) (983727) 1.30em-4.05 A Farewell to Arms THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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(15272) 8.00 Little Neme: Adventures in Stambertand (1993) (25291) 10.00 On an leiand with You (1948) (56185) 12.00 Just Around the Corner (1983) (25614) 2.00pm. For the First Time (1983) (84982) 4.00 - Little Nemec Adventures in Stambertand (1963) (1982) 6.00 Sidericks (1993) (59369) 8.00 Accidental Here (1982) (12331) 10.00 When a Man Loves a Woman (1994) (8556017) 12.10mm Selt on Our Skin (1992) (761079) 2.00 Hermidal Infant (1993) (207963) 3.45-6.00 Little Miss Broadway (1983) (25143789)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

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6.00em Muppet Bables (49337659) 6.30
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EUROSPORT 7.50mm Molarcycling (74982) 9.30 Sumo (85659) 10.30 Football (22389) 12,30pm Baskelball (57949) 1.00 Live (ems

(4414582) 5.00 Cycling (7185) 5.30 Formula 1 (3096) 6.00 Minters (25340) 7.00 Sumo (27811) 8.00 Boxing (43659) 9.00 All Sports (58123) 10.00 Darts (26982) 11.00 Ternis Highlights (27299) 11.30-12.30mm Equestrianism (10765) SKY SPORTS

7,00am Sky Sports Centre (88861) 7:30 Wrestling Maria (70494) 8:30 Recing News (23494) 9:00 Aerobers Oz. Skyle (1446) 9:30 Alain Football Show (63291) 10:30 Squesh — Super Sedes Final (91659) 12:00 Aerobics Oz. Skyle (94982) 12:30pm Football Special (10524) 2:30 Stiff Seifing (7814) 3:00 World Bowle Championship (67807) 5:00 Wrestling Supersize (1524) 8:00 Sky Sports Centre (8543) 8:30 Grass Rods Rugby (2123) 7:00 Netbusters (89483) 7:55 Sky Sports Centre (120104) 8:00 Rigiby (2123) 7.00 Nethusiers (834853) 7.55 Sky Sports Centre (120104) 8.00 Flingside Special: Permell Whiteler V Wilfredo Rivera (52307) 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (95611) 10.30 Trans World Sport (90123) 11.30 Inside the PGA Tour (54340) 12.00 Futbol Municlei (45654) 12.30mm Grass Roots Rugby (38876) 1.00 Nethinstein (12654) 201.2 91 5.05 Sports

SKY SPORTS GOLD

SKY SOAP 7.00em Guiding Light (8839475) 7.25 As the World Turns (1219307) 8.50 Peyton Place (3354920) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (7139825) 10.10-11.00 Another World

Travel Destination's (7/4374) 1/200 Alaseq Video Postcards (506438) 12.30pm Spice of Life (1132272) 1.00 Getaway (3961123) 1.30 Around the World - in 30 Mirutes (113164) 2.00 Great Sports Vacations (4095907) 2.30 Moving Postcards (5502253) 2.00 Globelrotter (4078314) 3.30 Around the World ... in 30 Mirutes (7281036) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop (10280562)

Grass Roots Rugby (38875) Netbusters (17654) 2.00-2.30 Sky Centre (45925)

10.00pes World Cop Hall of Fame: Paul Beatner (4614825) 10.30 World Cup Classics: France Ve Brazil 1996 (9693340) 12.00-1.00em Golf and All is Glory

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL A.00em Thought for the Day 4.05 Fred Price 5.00 Rodney Howard-Browse 5.30 Cacil Stewart

SKY TRAVEL 11.00mm Globetrotter (7742017) 11.30 Travel Destinations (7743745) 12.00 Alaska



4.00pm Heroes (7733368) 5.00 Secret Service (4092494) 6.00-7.00 Biography: Toleyo Rose (1140291) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL 7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (2086524) 8.00 FILM: Star Trek II: The Search for Spock (9006388) 10.00 Close 1.00am The St. Milkon Dollar Man (3647741) 2.00-4.00

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

9.00em Surpise Chefs 9.30 Grow Your Own 10.00 Stagestruck 10.30 Our House 11.00 Room for Improvement 11.30 Craftwise 12.00 Julie Child 12.30pm The Frugal Gourmet 1.00 Yan Car Cook 1.30 Furnishe to Go 2.00 Our House 2.30 Stars and Gardens 3.00 Screening Reefs 3.30am-4.00 This Old House

UK GOLD 7.00am Angela (1884098) 7.30 Neighbours (1876339) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (3813524) 8.00 EastEnders (3845123) 9.00 The Bill (3836475) 9.30 The Sulfivans (1709630) 10.00 All Creatures Great and

John Hurt stars in 1964 (Sky Movies Gold, 11.40pm)

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1.30 Creepy Crawlers (81920) 2.00 Bill and Ted (4920) 2.30 Gravedale High (1272) Ted (4920) 2.30 Gravedale High (1272) 3.00 Eek the Cat (8217) 3.30 Pink Parither (3017) 4.00 California Dreams (2624) 4.30-5.00 Hearthreak High (1036) NICKELODEON

Shop (83340) 8.00 Wishbone (22765) 8.30 Rude Dog (21036) 9.00 Sker Mice (12388) 9.30 Clarissa (59307) 10.00 Rudrats (83098) 10.30 Asahhil Real Monisters (64712) 11.00 Rocko (11562) 11.30 Doug (12291) 12.00 Sater Stater (52524) 12.30pm Pete and Pete (53123) 1.00 Capital Criters (46384) 1.30 Littlest Pet Snop (52494) 2.00 Wishbone (5307) 2.30 Rude Dog (5456) 3.00 Court Duclate (8314) 3.30 Mighly Max (2271) 4.00 Cryptheere (3039) 4.30 Rugets (8220) 5.00 Stater Stater (8899) 6.30 Wishbone (5272) 6.00 Ren and Stimpy (6195) 6.30 7.00 Are Nu Atmed of the Darks (2415) DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (6111368) 4.30 Human Nature (6100272) 5.00 Treesure Human 8279765) 5.30 Voyager (6181524) 6.00 Fixe (6127765) 6.30 Bayond 2000 (9801611) 7.30 World of Strange Powers (6101901) 8.00 Mysterious World (8275949) 8.30 Ghosthuriers (8254456) 8.00 Urresplaned (4943307) 10.00 Classo Wheels (848494) 11.00-12.00 Unex-planed (1871388)

BRAVO 12.00 FILM: Jack the Ripper (Quartetle) (4790746) 2.00pm Honey West (8242611) 2.90 Garry Stranding(6117562) 3.00 Dan-get Man (7807340) 4.00 FILM The Face of Fu Manchu (8265562) 6.00 Robin Hood (6118291) 6.30 UFO (9838765) 7.20 Sapphire and Steel (6105727) 8.00 Maximal (4627369) 8.00 The Gossip Show [7922659] 9.30 World News (1725678) 10.00-12.00 FILM The Entry (7906611) PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Different Strokes (3123) 7.30 Emertainment Tonight (6949) 8.00 Due South (49833) 9.00 Soap (77758) 9.30 Tax (40659) 10.00 Frasier (63253) 10.30 Spoot-O-Vision (14678) 12.30am Benson (36418) 1.00 Wings (\$2276) 1.30 Lavens and Shirtey (49534) 2.00 Entertainment Tongit (7695) 2.30 Frontine II (55302) 3.00-4.00

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5.00pm Road to Avonlea (4307) 6,00 Betman (2901) 6,30 Cachohrase (3253) 7,00 A Word in Your Ear (5036) 7,30 The Fall Guy (75475) 6,30 Home to Roost (3291) 9,00 The Puth Rendel Mysteries. Kipsing the Gunnar's Daughter (72185) 10,00 Treasure Hunt (75272) 11,00 Steris (2001) 4,00 The Section (1901) (98307) 12.00 The Fall Guy (96012) 1.00am Betman (61302) 1.30 GP (85470) 2.00 Big Brother Jake (89383) 2,30 Strens (74708) 3,30 GP (88470) 4,90-5,00 Road to 7.30cm East 17 Most Wented (60524) 8.00

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7.00am Power Breakfast (3960494) 9.00 Cale VH-1 (4170415) 17.00 Music First (3969765) 12.00 Heart and Soul [1153765] 1.00pm The Vinyl Years (1139185) 2.00 Ten of the Best. Bonne Tyler (4084997) 3.00 Into the Music (1578369) \$.00 Happy Hour (1159949) 7,00 VH-1 for You (9088982) 8.00 Wednesday Rowew (9097630) 9.00 Ten of the Best Redney Foster (9017494) 10.00 The Viryl Years (9087253) 11.00 Tommy Vance is the Nightily (3323659) 1.00cm Ten of the Best The Best (9656499) 2.00 Dawn Patrol CMT EUROPE

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CARTOON NETWORK/TNT then TNT films in below. 7.00pm The Courage of Lamie (1846) (10112307) 9.00 Mira Sottel (1884) (85834543) 11.00 Each Dawn I Die (1939) (95146727) 12.55mm The First of the Few (1943) (92230789) 3.00-5.00 The Cour-age of Lassie (1946) (47854708)

CNN/QVC CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE 7.00pm Joe Zawirui Solo 8.00 Arie 8.30 Tchiakovsky's Eugene Oregin 11.30 Mar-tha Argerich with Mischa Marsky 12.00-1.00em Mel Lawis BBC WORLD

News on the hour. 8.05am Horzon 9.30 Houday 10.30 Film 961.15pm Penorama 2.15 World Business Report 2.30 Newshour Asia and Pacitic report 2.30 Newsmout Ass and Pacific \$.30 The Clothes Show 4,05 The Big Trip \$.30 Top Gear 8.05 Rough Guide to the Americas 9.30 Far Eastern Cookery 12.10mm Newsnight 4.05 Rough Guide to WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 1996

Three new faces in England squad

# Venables makes alternative arrangements

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ONE man's injury is another's opportunity and England's preparations for the European football championship have been carved up as though with a surgeon's knife. Yesterday, Terry Venables named his squad for the considerable test against Croatia at Wembley next Wednesday and included Jason Wilcox, the Blackburn Rovers winger, who, 13 months after an operation to repair a cruciate ligament, has the chance to challenge for a place on the left side of England's Euro '96 team.

In the same breath, the England coach had to announce that Alan Shearer is out of the Croatia game. He will enter hospital tomorrow morning for an operation to cure a persistent groin strain.

The Blackburn news, good and bad, overshadows muted celebrations in London, where two of the capital's young and gifted sons are on the threshold of their first appearances for the full England side. Such is the paucity of fit England centre backs - Tony Adams, Gary Pallister, Steve Howey and Gareth Southgate are all absent — that opportunity knocks for Ugo Ehiogu, of Aston Villa. born 23 years ago in Hackney, and Sol Campbell, 21, of Tottenham Hotspur and from Newham in east London. Both are mobile, adventurous players, and one or other will play against Croatia, probably alongside Mark Wright, of Liverpool, a man at the other extreme of the age limit and another wrestling with injury. So the medical bulletins go

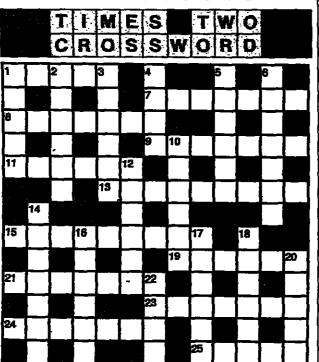
on and on around Venables. At Highbury, on Monday of Campbell, whose pace and versatility matched lan Wright until, late in the game, he surrendered to cramp. But Venables also witnessed the return of Darren Anderton, a player he hopes even more earnestly will recuperate from

a long absence through injury. On the field for just 12 minutes. Anderton nevertheless displayed the gliding movement, the touch and vision for which Venables was looking. He is omitted from the squad to allow Tottenham to give him as many matches

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as possible, hoping that his injury record will not rebound under new stress. It is so cruel, this fact that England's princi-pal strength is the force with which we play the game, and that, come the springtime, that very asset breaks even the best-prepared athletes.

For a whole year, Wilcox has looked on in frustration as Blackburn Rovers have lost their balance without his contribution on the left. Now, after just five games, Wilcox may possess more freshness and stamina than most; the



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2 Voluntary relinquishment

4 Special food regime (4)

5 Old Venetian business

6 Morale-boosting speech

10 Closely bound; married (6)

12 Continue after break: US

14 Wife of Ahab, a wicked

18 Run into attack: sum de-

20 Sacred choral piece (5)

22 Red pigment; body of water

schemer (7)

17 Pleat; annoy (6)

manded (6)

16 Topical ridicule (6)

Designed for hard use (6)

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ACROSS Leafy shelter; violinist? (5) Member of inner circle (7) 8 Gravelly beach; English

(anag.) (7) 9 A Glorious day: a Shake

11 Transfixing pin (6)

13 Gogol comic novel (4,5) 15 Thick fog (3-6)

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whether there is an ounce of residual fear in the player. And, if it seemed curious

that Blackburn should report yesterday that Shearer intends to play against Wimbledon tonight - indeed he is determined to score his thirtieth goal of the season before meeting the scalpel - then let the player speak for himself: It's disappointing, but by doing what I'm doing now [having the operation], the specialist is confident that [ will be fit for Euro '96." Time will tell.

Venables took the news philosophically; he had no choice. Theoretically, he has the very best English players to select from, but it is a fact that, come the moments that matter, prized players are wounded.

While Venables has called up Stan Collymore to fill Shearer's boots, he is likely to ngham-Ferdinand combination which troubled Bulgaria last month. Fowler and Collymore is an alternative, but alternative is the key

Ehiogu, 6ft lin and more than 12 stone, has risen tall since West Bromwich Albion sold him for £40,000 to Villa. He had an intriguing battle of wits and speed with Faustino Asprilla on Sunday. Ehiogu, a defender who can operate in the three-man rearguard which Venables would like to use, was stretched to the limits, twice badly fouling the Colombian, but nevertheless stuck to his task, to his elusive man, like a veteran.

He is more likely than Campbell to make the team against Croatia. Yet Campbell is evidence of Venables's long memory, and of the efforts to provide a link between England schoolboy potential and the full national side.

Campbell was taught the game by John Cartwright, at England's School of Excellence, then reschooled under Osvaldo Ardiles and Venables as he rose swiftly into the Tottenham first team. Playing left back, right back, his preferred midfield, centre forward and centre half, this boy, whom his colleagues in the victorious 1993 England European Youth Cup-winning team dubbed Garth, seemed

to accept every challenge. Amazingly, for one who suffered from cramp a couple of nights ago, his physique seems never to have rebelled for long against the loads inflicted upon it. While still growing, physically and mentally, he has come through three turbulent seasons in Premiership football, and those who know him well have no doubts that he will adapt and stay in the England team,

By DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE future of rugby union's

five nations' championship

hangs in the balance. Yester-

day. England's decision to

terminate a gentlemen's

agreement over television

rights evoked a forthright

response from the other

unions, who will review their

international relationships at

The implicit threat is that

they will refuse to play Eng-

land in the foreseeable future.

which will also mean the end

of tours abroad by the British

Isles (they are due to visit

South Africa next year) and

cause immense damage to the

game's labric in the northern

of the committee will now be

requested to consider the

future format of the five na-

tions' championship and addi-

tionally the question of

relationships at all interna-

tional representative levels," a

statement said after the five

nations' committee met in

Dublin yesterday, adding om-

inously: This breakaway by

England from the existing

arrangements could have im-

The other member unions

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hemisphere.



# Title race approaches extra time

THE FA Carling Premiership title last year was not decided until the last day of the season. With the finishing post looming into view, Manchester United and Newcastle United take the latest fences tonight knowing that it could go even further this time, with the first championship play-off needed

to separate the clubs. Manchester United go into the game against Leeds United at Old Trafford with the advantage of a three-point lead, a goal difference of 29 against 27 and they have scored two more goals than Newcastle, who meet Southampton at St James' Park. Should it remain the same after tonight, should New-castle win their game in hand 2-0 and should the teams'

plications for British Lions

The five nations will meet

again on April 27 in Dublin.

but the Rugby Football Union

(RFU), adopting the position

of a party more sinned against

than sinning, said that it

sought a practice prevalent in

other sports and added that

France had always negotiated

the five nations' committee are

considering the five nations'

format for the future." Tony

Hallett, the RFU secretary

said. "We believe that all

unions will be able to benefit

individually from our deci-

The Scottish Rugby Union

said that every effort would be

made to change England's

perspective. "The unilateral

decision taken by the RFU to

negotiate its own broadcasting

rights is a point of principle

which would undermine the

whole structure of the five

nations' championship," Fred-

die McLeod, Scotland's repre-

sentative, said. Syd Millar, the

Irish union's president, called it "the biggest threat to rugby

union since the [rugby league]

There are two underlying

split of 1895".

The RFU understands that

their own television rights.

other results match, they will finish with identical records. Premier League rules then call for a play-off on a neutral ground. Although such a match would fill Wembley. finding a suitable date could be a problem if Liverpool and Manchester United draw in the FA Cup Final on May II. A positive result would leave the replay date. May 16, free for a play-off. With England play-

ing Hungary on May 18 and departing for their Far East tour two days later, the sched-

"I don't think it's tair to oile everything on one extra game after a 38-game season," Terry McDermott, the Newcastle assistant manager, said yesterday. Alternatives, however, are thin on the ground. A decision based on the meetings between the clubs would give the title to United; shar-

Brown's waiting game .. 43 Waddle rejects contract 43

ing the title, as has happened in the cricket county championship, would not yield an entrant for the European Cup. "I don't think it will come to that." Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager,

said after training yesterday, "but we know how important goals are now." Gary Pallister - described by his manager as "the best centre half in the country" returns after missing nine games but United's main problems have been at the other end. Apart from their 6-0

win at Bolton, scoring goals in

recent games has been a

assumptions to England's

stance. One is that they will

continue to dominate the

championship and the other

that their significance within

the championship is greater

The first should be true,

given England's superior

playing strength to all save

France, but history shows that

only within the past six years.

in modern times, has it been

the case. The second ignores

the fact that the championship

sustains its fascination not

because of the quality of play

but because of its sheer unpre-

Hallett: "benefit to all"

than any other country's.

Lions' tour comes under threat

Cantona, then who?" Leeds's form should provide

Ferguson's team with the opportunity to give themselves a significant advantage. Stories linking the Leeds captain. Gary McAllister, with Rangers have surfaced again and with the future of their manager, Howard Wilkinson, the subject of continuing speculation, a picture of a club in disarray is painted, but the Yorkshire team have offered unyielding defence in recent

League meetings. If the Premiership is to be decided in a photo finish on the number of goals scored. most people would back Newcastle should Ferdinand's goal on Sunday presage the end of the England striker's barren spell. However, Ferguson said: "Southampton are one club we're confident about in terms of trying. It's either

that or they go down." Southampton's win against Manchester United on Saturday, which opened up the Premiership race again, and the return to form of Matthew Le Tissier will send them to St dence than seemed likely. "Le Tissier was superb against us," Ferguson said, but in the

dictability, to which Ireland,

Scotland or Wales contribute.

ably try to sell for themselves

is competitions in which their

clubs are involved. That is

precisely what Wales do.

making their own arrange-

ments with BBC Wales and

the Welsh language channel,

S4C. England followed suit by

grabbing 85 per cent of the £7

million contract with Sky

Sports, but the timing of their

breakaway now, when they

are at odds with the clubs who

are their product, is appalling.

It is an illustration of rug-

by's weakness in the market

place, vis-à-vis football, that it

seeks to sell all its products on

the back of the international

game. The five nations have

written to ten broadcast com-

panies, inviting tenders for the

championship and seven oth-

er competitions, among them

European, Anglo-Welsh.

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able capable of sustaining a

relationship with the mixed

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When the dust has settled,

satellite television.

will have.

What England may justifi-

question of "if not [Eric] Premiership Southampton have only won one away game and Newcastle have lost at home only once all season.

With Coventry City, who occupy the third relegation place a point behind Southampton, playing at Nottingham Forest tonight, the situation is almost as tight at the bottom. Manchester City have the worst goal difference by a long way, but if they were to escape, it is conceivable especially if Newcastle run riot tonight - that Southampton and Coventry could also require a play-off.

Figa stays behind as Sobanska defends her title

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

SOME get to compete in the Flora London Marathon, others get no further than train-ing for it. Figa the dachshund has been running 45 miles a week in preparation for the race on Sunday, but Figa has been left at home while Malgorzata Sobanska, his owner, defends the title she won last year. Dogs are not allowed to run in the London Marathon. Anyway, where

Sobanska trains twice a day and, on the second run, the easy one, her per goes with her. Figa is best out of it this weekend because Sunday will not be easy. Sobanska, from Poland, faces, among others, Liz McColgan, a Scottish ter rier if ever there was one.

When Sobanska won last ear, it took her national federation and parents by surprise. "Her family were watching on Eurosport and they were all crying — mother, aunt, sister, father," Piotr Mankowski, her coach, said. Though a Sobanska victory would be no surprise - she has recently set personal bests at five and 15 kilometres - her parents will not attend. They will watch on television in Poland. "My mother worries. so it's best they do not come." Sobanska said.

Dionicio Cerón, from Mexico. the men's defending champion, will have none of his family in London either. "Why would you take your wife to work?" Ceron said at last year's marathon, Racins is strictly business for Ceros who, if he becomes the first man to win three successive Londons and sets a world best, will take his earnings from the event to about \$1

Is he confident? "I am looking for victory, but I am human and sometimes a human has problems," Cerón. the only athlete to beat 2h 9min twice in London, said. Two recent half-marathons in 61min 9sec and 62min 16sec - speak of a champion in form. With arguably the strongest field in the history of the event there to challenge Ceron, no wonder David Bedford, the elite race director. was suggesting yesterday that London could see its first sub-2hr 8min race. Greyhound rather than dachshund pace.

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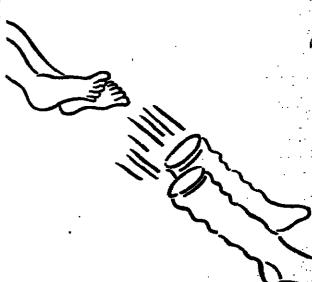
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